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Ferry tragedy firm's 'disease of sloppiness'

Zeebrugge inquiry sparks major storm of protest

By David Sapsted

Townsend Thoresen's management was yesterday described as "infected with the disease of sloppiness" by the judge heading the inquiry into the Zeebrugge ferry disaster in March in which at least 188 people died.

The certificates of the captain and chief officer of the ferry Herald of Free Enterprise, which capsized on March 6, were suspended yesterday when the inquiry published its report.

Mr Justice Sheen bitterly criticized Townsend Thoresen's management, saying: "From top to bottom, the body corporate was infected with the disease of sloppiness." But he ruled that no statutory offence had been committed by the operators, prompting protests from the relatives of victims and from MPs.

Within hours of the report's publication, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, announced a package of safety measures which would for the first time include making it a criminal offence for ferries to set to sea with doors open.

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Mrs Thatcher said the new measures would be introduced as a matter of urgency. In the Commons, the opposition spokesman Mr Peter Snape said it was "deplorable" that action was being taken against the officers but not against the company.

Chief Officer Leslie Sabel, whose job was to ensure the bow doors were closed, bore the "most immediate" responsibility for the disaster, said the judge as he suspended his certificate of competency for two years.

Suspending Capt David Lewry's certificate for one year, the judge said that the master was responsible for the safety of everyone on the ship and had been "seriously negligent" in the discharge of his duties.

Mr Justice Sheen also singled out assistant boatswain Mark Stanley, who was asleep in his bunk when he should have been at the bow door controls, and said the company could consider action against him under the merchant shipping code of conduct.

But he blamed the underlying causes of the tragedy on Townsend Thoresen's management, whose failure to give proper and clear directions was a contributory cause of the disaster. "All concerned in management, from the members of the board of directors down to junior superintendents, were guilty of fault," he said.

Mr Justice Sheen ruled, however, that no statutory offence had been committed by the operators. "If it is the view of Parliament that the taking to sea of a ro-ro ferry with her bow or stern doors open ought to be a criminal offence, then Parliament must enact the appropriate legislation," he said.

Townsend Thoresen had ignored calls for the fitting of bridge warning lights, and must have been aware by the autumn of last year that there was a real risk of ferries setting sail with the doors open, the judge said.

Yet the company had "turned a deaf ear" to what ferry masters were saying about the need to improve the safe operation of their vessels, and had put pressure on crews to set off early from Zeebrugge without proper standing orders to cover the closure of doors.

The inquiry also called for research into the possible use

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US won't retaliate over mine

**From Robert Fisk
Dubai**

The Reagan Administration last night declared that it was not considering any retaliation "at the moment" for the mining in the Gulf earlier in the day of the super tanker Bridgeton.

Small Iranian vessels had been seen in the area shortly before the explosion but their suspected guilt was unprovable.

Mr Martin Fitzwater, President Reagan's spokesman, admitted in Washington that: "At this point we don't know who is responsible – a mine is the kind of thing that is very difficult to pinpoint."

The American-flagged Bridgeton struck the mine 18 miles east of Farsi island sustaining minor damage to her No 1 port side compartment.

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- **Some readers may have experienced difficulty in making claims for yesterday's Portfolio game. This was due to technical problems at the telephone exchange and late changes on the Stock Exchange resulting in more claims than usual. As a result the claim lines will remain open for Friday's game until 3.30pm today.**

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Channon acts to strengthen safety

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

MPs of all parties yesterday called for Townsend Thoresen to be severely punished after the Herald of Free Enterprise inquiry blamed the company and three senior officers for the tragedy in which at least 188 died last March.

There was outrage in the Commons at the inquiry's conclusion that, though the ferry left Zeebrugge harbour with its bow doors open, no statuatory offence had been committed and the company could not be prosecuted.

Some MPs said Townsend Thoresen should never again be allowed to operate cross-channel ferries.

The inquiry, conducted by Mr Justice Sheen, named Captain David Lewry, the master, Mr Leslie Sabel, the chief officer, and Mr Mark Stanley, the assistant boatswain, as partly responsible for the disaster, and suspended the certificates of the first two.

However, Labour MPs claimed that the three had been made "scapegoats" for the appalling negligence of the company revealed by the inquiry.

The Secretary of State for Transport, Mr Paul Channon, announced a series of immediate and longer-term measures that he would be taking in line with the inquiry's recommendations on improving the safety of roll-on roll-off ferries. He said he would introduce legislation to make conduct of the kind demonstrated by Townsend Thoresen a criminal offence.

He also admitted serious doubts over the desirablility of emergency inquiries of this sort which gave effective immunity from prosecution to those taking part to encourage co-operation.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, pledged that the Government would do all it could to ensure that the Zeebrugge disaster could never be repeated..

Mr Channon described the measures he was taking as "probably the most comprehensive list of changes and improvements in safety that has ever been announced".

A decision by Belgian authorities on whether to bring charges over the sinking of the *Herald of Free Enterprise* is unlikely to be made until the autumn when a judicial inquiry is complete. But the results of Judge Arthur d'Hoest's investigation is never likely to be made public.

As immediate mandatory steps, all ferries operating from British ports will have to carry indicator lights to show the position of the loading doors, closed-circuit television monitors for surveillance of the car deck from the bridge, and emergency lighting units.

Random checks will be made on ferries to ensure that they are not breaching regulations on loading, stability and passenger numbers.

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'Message to world that accusations were false'

Mr Jeffrey Archer, who was awarded historic damages, and his wife, Mary, leaving court yesterday, amid a crowd of reporters (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Record £½m damages for Archer

By Paul Valiely and Andrew Morgan

Mr Jeffrey Archer was yesterday awarded £500,000 damages against *The Star* newspaper, the highest amount ever awarded in a British libel action.

The jury had been told by the judge that if it found in favour of Mr Archer, the damages awarded should be sufficiently large to "send a message to the world that the accusations were false."

The eight men and four women took four hours and 20 minutes to consider the newspaper's allegations that Mr Archer, while deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, had paid a prostitute £70 for sex and then lied about the matter in a public statement.

The verdict was delivered in court No 13 at the *Royal* Courts of Justice, which was packed to overflowing by members of the press and public who had queued since early morning to hear the judgement.

Mr Archer sat poker faced as the jury entered the courtroom. Mrs Archer toyed nervously with her wedding ring as she waited.

When the foreman of the jury announced that it had found for Mr Archer, his wife, Mary, put her hands to her mouth. When he announced the damages she gave a half-smile and put her hands on her husband's back. Mr Archer struggled to suppress his pleasure.

Mr Michael Hill, QC, counsel for *The Star*, then applied for a stay pending notice of appeal. Mr Robert Alexander, counsel for Mr Archer, protested that such a stay was inappropriate; in the event of a successful appeal, Mr Archer would be quite able to repay the money.

The judge, Mr Justice Caulfield, refused the application.

Discharging the jury, he told them they had had "an enormous burden to carry over the past three weeks". He relieved them of jury service for the next 15 years.

As the jury rose, Mr Alexander placed his hands in congratulation on the shoulders of Mr and Mrs Archer, who sat before him.

Mr Archer then sprang to his feet and crossed the well of the court to the jury box. As the jurors left he shook hands with and thanked each one. The final juror responded: "It was a pleasure."

The millionaire author was then kissed on the cheek by his wife before being surrounded by journalists. Turning to answer questions, he looked very strained. His only comment was: "The verdict speaks for itself."

In response to questions, he indicated that he would not be issuing any public statement on the matter, and declined to reply to questions on whether or not he intended to proceed with a separate action against the *News of the World*.

Mrs Archer commented: "We are going home to have supper with the boys and we might open a bottle of champagne."

Asked about her feelings towards the prostitute at the centre of the case, Miss Monica Coghlan, she replied: "I will make no comment about that."

Before pushing their way through a large crowd of British and international journalists to their car, Mrs Archer said that the couple now intended to have a holiday and to go up to see her husband's play, *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*, which is running in the provinces on a pre-West End run.

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After the verdict Mr Lloyd Turner, editor of *The Star*, turned to Mr Michael Hill, QC, the newspaper's representative, and whispered: "Thank you very much."

He was then half pushed, half carried from the courtroom by an eager mass of journalists. He said nothing throughout.

Mr Turner wore a look of benign resignation as the foreman of the jury announced the verdict and the £500,000 damages. It changed to one of resigned sternness as he emerged, blinking, into the daylight.

He pushed past members of the public, some holding the novels of Jeffrey Archer. They clearly thought they were witnessing the realization of a well-written chapter, with the villain confronting the world's inquisitive eyes.

For Mr Turner, at least, it was the end. Before the jury retired, he had occasionally removed his spectacles and pinched his eyes to clear his head of the prospect of losing hundreds of thousands of pounds for his proprietors.

But it became his fate to walk stiffly from the courtroom, with the amount of the damages ringing in his ears.

Mr Archer made no comment on what he intends to do with the damages award. But it is understood that he might decide to give a proportion of it to charity.

His office has been inundated with requests from charities since the case began. A spokesman said he could not comment until a decision on an appeal has been reached.

Last night, Mr Archer's mother, Mrs Lola Hayne, aged 73, said he had been "very naive".

She said at her home in Weston-super-Mare, Avon:"He should have asked for some help, he doesn't like asking for help. It's such a pity.

"It's been heartbreaking, but not for me. For months it's been a waste of his life. I have been distressed for him.

"Dear Mary has been absolutely wonderful. The only time I shed any tears was for Mary's troubles.

"Their wedding anniversary fell right during the period of the case.

"I thought how sad for them. They have got this hanging over them on this special day."

During the 14 day case Mrs Hayne telephoned herson nearly every morning, before he left for the High Court.

"He never grumbled or has been downhearted. He has always said he is in the right. It's always been the case of: 'I'm right mother, I will survive. I must win'. But he never thought it would come to an action. He had nothing whatsoever to hide."

She said she hoped her son would return to work for the Conservative Party.

The case had been like something from one of her son's books, but: "He didn't think of anything quite as awful as this trial.

"The saddest thing of all is that the case came at a time when his political fortunes were changing. But I am hoping he will be able to pick up the threads."

Mrs Hayne said her son and his wife were planning a champagne celebration and a garden party at their Cambridgeshire home

"I knew he was innocent all along. I can't wait to see him this weekend," she said.

Passenger killed in hijacking

**By Andrew McEwan
Diplomatic Correspondent**

A attempt to force the Bonn Government to release Mr Muhammad Ali Hamadei, an alleged Lebanese terrorist, was believed last night to be behind an aircraft hijacking which left one passenger dead.

A Lebanese gunman seized an Air Afrique airliner over northern Italy and forced the pilot to land at Geneva. The hijacker singled out a seriously ill French bachelor and shot him in the head. The 28-year-old man died on his way to hospital.

Passengers at the back of the aircraft created a diversion by opening a door and operating an escape chute. Some of the crew seized their chance while the gunman's attention was diverted. In a fierce struggle a cabin steward was shot in the stomach, but other crew mem-

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Maxwell closes the Daily News

By John Spicer

Mr Robert Maxwell's *London Daily News*, launched on February 24, has closed. Yesterday evening's edition, No 126, was the last.

Mr Maxwell said the paper was selling fewer than 100,000 copies a day, fewer than half the number targeted for five months after the launch.

Mr Maxwell said the *London Daily News* had failed to meet the essential minimum sales and there was no prospect of ever making it viable. He said he had come to his decision to close the paper "with regret and reluctance".

Mr Maxwell blamed distribution and printing problems for the failure of his 24-hour six-day-a-week newspaper.

"I have drawn the appropriate lesson from this, which is never to let inexperienced printers print a newspaper. It will not happen when we next plan an evening newspaper for *London*."

Last night Mr Angus Clark, a director of West Ferry Printers, said he was sorry to hear that the LDN was to close. "In his statement, Mr Maxwell has alleged failures in performance by West Ferry Printers Ltd. We reject his allegation."

Mr Maxwell totally absolved his editorial team from any blame for the newspaper's problems. He said the newspaper was good, intelligent, professionally produced and well-written.

The launch of "the paper that never stops for the city that never sleeps" cost Mr Maxwell £25 million.

It also started one of the bitterest newspaper wars Fleet Street has seen. On the day of the launch, Lord Rothermere's Associated Nespapers

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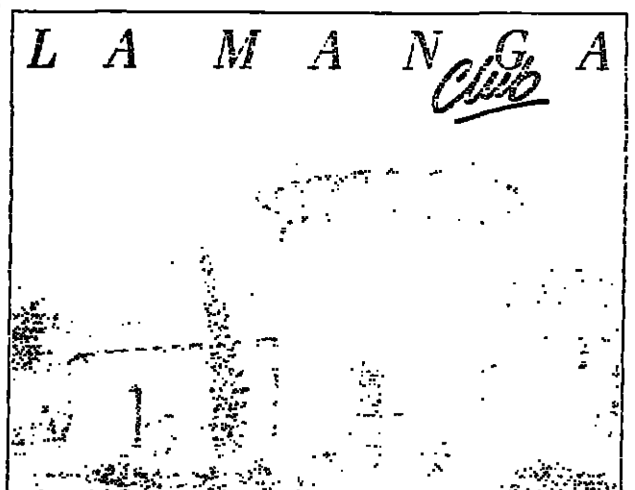

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Baker unveils national curriculum proposals

**By John Clare
Education Correspondent**

The Government is to introduce national tests in English, maths and science for all children aged 11 and 14 in state schools in England and Wales.

They will also be expected to take the three subjects for GCSE at 16. There could be national tests for seven-year-olds as well. Parents will be told the results, which will also be available to employers.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced the plan yesterday in a consultation document outlining the proposed national curriculum to be followed by all pupils between five and 16.

He said it was an "historic reform representing the culmination of 10 years of debate".

In addition to the three "core" subjects of English, maths and science, every pupil will have to take seven other subjects. They are: a modern foreign language (but not for primary school children), technology, history, geography, art, music and physical education.

Religious education will remain a compulsory subject.

Specific attainment targets will be set in most subjects. They will lay down what children of different abilities should know, understand and be able to do at the ages of seven, 11, 14 and 16. "The main purpose of such assessment will be to show what a pupil has learnt and mastered and to enable teachers and parents to ensure that he or she is making adequate progress", the paper says.

"Where such progress is not made, it will be up to schools to make suitable arrangements to help the pupil."

Local education authorities will be required to set up a complaints procedure to cover the teaching of thenational curriculum.

The Secretary of State is also planning to take unprecedented powers over the content of the syllabus of each foundation subject. He will also, for the first time, have the power to vet and veto all examination syllabuses.

A start to phasing in the changes is expected to be made in 1989.

Another consultation paper published yesterday outlines the Government's proposals for grant maintained schools. It says there have been numerous indications that groups of parents want the responsibility of running their schools as individual institutions.

The opportunity to opt out of local education authority control is to be offered to all secondary schools and to primary schools with more than 300 pupils.

Both papers were condemned by the National Union of Teachers.

Mr Neil Fletcher, education chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the national curriculum was a "headlong rush into dictating what is taught in the classroom".

NEWS SUMMARY

Police hunting child murderer

Irish Police were last night hunting a child killer after the half-naked body of a murdered boy aged eight was found in a cornfield near his home in Waterford.

Kyle Curran was lured away from his playmates on Thursday night by a stranger who promised money for an errand.

His body was found yesterday morning with tape over his mouth and eyes. Police said the boy had been sexually assaulted after being suffocated or strangled. "Apart from a scratch there were no obvious injuries", said a spokesman.

Police hope the boy's two friends might be able to help them in their search for the killer. They warned parents on the Hillview estate to keep their children indoors.

Revenge killing

A jilted woman took revenge by murdering her former lover's new fiancée and then told the police that he was the killer.

At Teesside Crown Court yesterday, Maria Travers, aged 31, of Hartlepool, Cleveland, was jailed for life.

The court was told that after separating from her second husband, she tricked Malcolm Pearson, aged 32, into a bigamous marriage. He later became engaged to Miss Janet Newton, aged 23, who was stabbed to death two days later.

Pit plan is lodged

British Coal yesterday formally applied for planning permission for a £400 million "superpit".

The colliery, at Hawkhurst Moor on the western outskirts of Coventry, could create 1,800 jobs and inject more than £200 million into the economy.

British Coal has hailed it as a mine for the twenty-first century, but the plan is opposed by local residents and environmentalists. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, is expected to order a public inquiry.

Aircraft death verdict

The death of a safety officer, killed when an ejector seat blasted out of a Buccaneer bomber, was accidental an inquest jury in Stockport, Greater Manchester, decided yesterday.

Mr Basil Davidson, aged 58, of Oldham Drive, Woodley, Stockport, was killed while removing the navigator's rear seat from the aircraft at a British Aerospace factory in Cheshire last February.

He was described as a "very experienced safety equipment officer". But technical evidence revealed the seat's firing mechanism had not been made safe before Mr Davidson started to remove it.

Inner city protest

A Chief Constable yesterday accused the Home Office of allowing policing to deteriorate in the provinces to give priority to the inner cities.

Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex, asked the Home Office for an extra 103 officers in this financial year including 90 officers for Gatwick airport. The force was given the extra airport officers but nothing more.

Mr Birch said the Home Office decision was an "insensitive and ill-judged snub to a hard-pressed force".

Sexual abuse claim

Children are being "roped in" and checked for possible sexual abuse in a drive to prove estimates of the scale of the problem which have no firm foundation, according to Mr Stuart Bell, Labour MP for Middlesbrough.

He said yesterday that youngsters were having to undergo intimate hospital examinations after everyday pranks. "The picture coming across to me is of an army of social workers marching through Cleveland looking for child fodder for alleged sexual abuse diagnoses to prove statistics."

Thatcherism here to stay, says Prime Minister

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister pledged yesterday that her revolution to turn Britain into a nation of owners would go on beyond the present five-year parliament.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher made it abundantly clear that she expects to be at the helm for several years.

In her first big interview since the general election, Mrs Thatcher spoke of Thatcherism continuing long after she has gone.

She made clear that she was at least contemplating the time when she would no longer lead the country.

"I will not be there forever, thank goodness and other people will say that too. But there is still a great deal more to be done."

In the course of the BBC television interview Mrs Thatcher:

- Set out her objections to televising the Commons;
- Ruled out big concessions on "poll tax" legislation;
- Defended the Government's stand in the Peter Wright *Spycatcher* affair;
- Predicted an East-West arms control agreement this year;
- Emphasized that she is in charge of the inner cities initiative, and might have to "bang a few heads together".

Mrs Thatcher told Martyn Lewis that she did not think she would change her opposition to televising the Commons, although she just left open the possibility.

She said the heavy television lights and the heat in the "small, intimate chamber" would be dreadful. She did not think that the Commons had improved since radio broadcasts were introduced.

"The moment television cameras come in you don't televise what is there. It changes because you are there.

"Unless there are under very, very strict rules I would still vote against".

The Prime Minister hinted that she was prepared to make small changes to the community charge but there would be no large concessions.

"There is an inherent unfairness in the rates. There are going to be fewer unfairnesses in the community charge."

On the inner cities, Mrs Thatcher disclosed her irritation with some of her colleagues.

She said: "Yes, I have taken over the chairmanship (of the Cabinet committee on the cities) and there may be a need to bang a few heads together. One of the things is to get departments to co-operate."

On the Peter Wright book, Mrs Thatcher said she was defending a point of principle.

"If we leave it so that any person in the security services can reveal any secret, can say anything about people formerly in the service or anybody else which might put them or their families' lives in danger, may say things about people long dead – however wounding or damaging to our country – and they can do all that without the Government trying to stop them, we are going to have no security services and that is going to be deeply damaging to the people of this country."

She played down worries on the poor trade figures. "If you look at the trading figures from the beginning of the year to now we are in surplus. We have had four very good months and one bad month.

"Obviously we are watching the situation carefully but it was not a serious deficit."

It was then put to Mrs Thatcher that her revolution might be complete after two years, and she was asked whether she would want to stay on in what would be the post-Thatcher era.

She replied: "No I would not have completed it. You see we have to go on with the policy of spreading property ownership, share ownership, everything widely. We have to tackle this with legislation for a whole Parliament and after that there will still be other things to do."

Police refuse to pay bill of £49,000 in BT dispute

By John Spicer

Senior Scotland Yard officers are to meet British Telecom managers to discuss problems with communications, particularly in the City and central London, after a refusal by the Metropolitan Police to pay a £39,000 telephone bill.

The police are withholding rental after complaining to BT about inefficiency.

Scotland Yard's communications officers say they will not pay any rental for phones at the Leman Street police station, on the eastern edge of the City, but other stations are also having difficulties.

The law allows for telephone users to withhold their rental, or part of it, if they are unable to use the instrument for any period of time.

The problems have arisen for BT because of rising demand, new technology and difficulties with old equipment. Since Big Bang in the City, demand for telephone lines has doubled.

BT had projected for an initial increase in demand of up to 50 per cent by last October and then a levelling off. But demand had almost doubled by then and is still rising.

The City has 49 exchanges, and all are in the process of going over to the new digital System X.

So far 12 have been converted. Each one takes an average of three months to complete and overloads other areas while it is happening. Similar modernization is going on all over the country.

Mrs Vivienne Peters, director of the Telecom Users' Association membership services, said the organization had some sympathy with BT.

But, she said, they were their own worst enemies when it came to communicating with their customers.

"People in areas where this is going on are just left in the dark", she said.

"BT could easily warn and inform people of changes, or delays in their district."

The association says complaints against BT were increasing, but large firms usually coped because they had "clout". It was the private subscriber or small firm which suffered.

Mrs Peters said: "You do not hear of the big firm's troubles because as soon as it gets on to BT it gets a response. The big firms are the big spenders.

"It is quite amazing that the Metropolitan Police had to resort to refusing to pay a bill to get satisfaction."

BT said Big Bang and the increasing demand for telephone lines nearly everywhere was giving the corporation "real logistical problems". "A great deal of pressure is on us to get all the work done quickly all the time."

- Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, warned the Post Office last night that he was prepared to suspend its letter service monopoly if the west London postal dispute spreads.

He said the Post Office's exclusive privilege of providing a letter service must be continually justified and the Government had powers to suspend the monopoly.

"The monopoly is long established and we would not lightly suspend the privilege", he said. "I do not believe that the problems in London's west central district have yet reached the stage of sufficient gravity to justify that step."

The Prince of Wales yesterday with Mrs Valerie Makin, chaplain of St Marylebone Church, in the crypt which converted into a health centre (Photograph: Simon Grosset).

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Prince of Wales yesterday reaffirmed his support for complementary medicine when he opened Britain's first doctor's surgery run jointly by the National Health Service and the church.

The surgery, in the crypt of St Marylebone parish church, central London, combines orthodox and alternative medicines such as acupuncture and spiritual healing.

"It is crazy to throw the baby out with the bath water" the Prince said. "What we are doing is bringing the baby back."

His interest in complementary medicine first became clear when he was president of the British Medical Association. "I firmly believe that so often people are unable to receive the kind of complementary treatment which in some circumstances can be extremely efficacious."

It has taken more than two years to convert the 10,000 sq ft crypt into a modern high-tech community medical centre which contains extensive computer facilities and a magnetic resonance imaging scanner.

Two general practitioners run a regular surgery, and the centre has a music therapy unit. The idea for the centre originaly came from the parish rector, the Rev Christopher Hamel-Cooke, who has already raised more than £1 million to pay for the conversion.

Wright ban case may go to Lords

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Sunday Times is to seek an emergency hearing before the House of Lords on Monday after the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday it could not publish extracts from *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of the former MI5 officer Mr Peter Wright.

In a compromise formula, the Court of Appeal judges headed by Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, partly upheld the Attorney General's appeal for injunctions banning *The Sunday Times, The Observer* and *The Guardian* from publishing Wright material to be reinstated.

The judges gave the newspapers the go-ahead to publish the substance of Mr Wright's allegations in "very general summary".

But they ruled that a modified injunction banning passages, extracts or excerpts from the book or any other material, written or oral, attributed to Mr Wright about the security services should be imposed.

Newspapers are still not free to publish articles. Pending any appeal before the House of Lords on Monday, the original injunctions against them still stand as a "limited holding operation".

Sir John said the original injunctions against the newspapers were "much too wide". He said that the aim of the modified injunction was not to "stifle" Mr Wright's allegations, which were free for all to read, but to prevent him or anybody else making a profit out of what he was doing.

Mr Peter Cole, deputy editor of *The Guardian*, said the ruling seemed to be highly "convoluted". The court had come out with a "half-way house" which was "by no means satisfactory".

Mr Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, condemned the decision and said the newspaper would be seeking to have the ruling overturned by the House of Lords first thing on Monday morning.

He added that they had now entered a "Walter Mitty world" in which the allegations of Mr Wright could be mentioned but not the actual words in the book.

- The British Government's attempt to suppress Mr Wright's memoirs in Australia would continue on Monday whatever the outcome of proceedings in London, an official at the British High Commission in Canberrasaid yesterday.

The official said that even if Mr Wright's book was freed for distribution in Britain, the Government would persist with the case here.

The British Government is appealing against an order by the New South Wales Supreme Court in March that the Australian branch of Heinemann was free to publish *Spycatcher* as its contents were no longer secret, or able to cause harm.

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel for Mr Wright, said this week that the British Government was running the risk of reducing the case to a farce.

The appeal is due to start in the New South Wales Appeal Court on Monday.

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MP says BA holding pistol to the Government's head

British Airways was holding a pistol to the Government's head in its proposed merger with British Caledonian, **Mr Anthony Steen** (South Hams, C) said during a short debate in the Commons.

BA's message was: If you do not allow us to take over B-Cal immediately, without any reference to the public watchdogs, the company will go bust and our offer will lapse.

He said that it was prepared to pay three times B-Cal's market value because it wanted to buy a monopoly stake in the civil aviation industry. Sir Adam Thomson, the chairman of B-Cal, would be getting a golden handshake of between £2.5 million and £3 million and the institutional investors, 3i (Investors in Industry), stood to make £100 million.

Was the Government prepared to let a merger take place that would benefit Sir Adam and 3i, would give the trade unions leverage on a monopoly and would be bad for the travelling public, bad for prices, bad for competition and bad for independent airlines?

He suspected that the timing of the announcement of the proposed takeover, just before the House rose for the summer recess, had been designed to limit MPs' opportunities to debate and oppose the merger.

Mr Steen: BA wants monopoly stake

Sir Peter Emery (Honiton, C) said that if the merger went ahead without reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission it would tear in half the Conservative policy of competition on which he had fought the last election.

He hoped that a solution could be found that would allow B-Cal to remain in competition with BA because it was that element of competition which had made BA great.

The debate had been initiated by **Mr Richard Douglas** (Dunfermline West, Lab), who said that he believed the Government would veto any suggestion from the Director General of Fair Trading to refer the bid to the MMC. Privatization had removed vast public monopolies, like BA, from the searchlight of public scrutiny. He was concerned to protect jobs.

Mr Terence Dicks (Hayes and Harlington, C) said the proposed merger would enable BA to compete more effectively in international markets.

Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said that it was excruciatingly difficult for ministers publicly to share or denounce the views expressed by Mr Steen. Perhaps they could discuss it in the tea room.

The advice of the Director General of Fair Trading about whether the matter should be referred to the MMC was awaited. He could not express a view, and so prejudge whatever advice may be given.

Green belt conflicts

The Prime Minister's priority of rejuvenating the inner cities was being thwarted by the granting of planning permission on appeal in the green belt outside London, **Mr Andrew MacKay** (Berkshire East, C) told the Commons.

He said that if the Government wanted to rejuvenate the inner cities, it must discourage unreasonable development in the shire counties.

The Department of the Environment had bent over backwards to help developers, who naturally preferred building on a green field to reclaiming a difficult inner-city site.

If multi-national companies were told that there was no room in the Thames Valley, they would move to areas with a plentiful supply of labour.

Mrs Marion Roe, Under Secretary of State for Environment, said that there was no convincing evidence that restraint on development in economically active areas encouraged investment in less attractive ones.

"The danger is that the investment may be lost to this country altogether. Our policy is aimed at securing new investment in the inner cities, not in preventing investment in areas like Berkshire."

Move over fishing legislation

Legislation to prevent foreign-owned fishing vessels registering under the British flag to claim a share of the United Kingdom fishing quota is to be introduced in the new parliamentary session (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said yesterday that tighter regulations would be included in the Merchant Shipping Bill.

He hinted that the regulations would apply to vessels already registered as "British" as well as to would-be new registrations.

The new regulations will demand that any company wishing to register a British fishing vessel will have to be largely owned and managed by British citizens resident in this country.

- Surveillance duties for the airborne fisheries protection patrol, until now performed by RAF Nimrods, will in future be carried out by two new Dornier 228 aircraft operated under contract by FR Aviation of Bournemouth, Dorset.

Political murders rising in Ulster

By Richard Ford

The number of political murders in Ulster during the first seven months of this year has equalled the total for last year because of a more effective Provisional IRA campaign across the province.

Mr William Megrath, aged 46, a private in the Ulster Defence Regiment, became the latest victim when he was shot dead by a Provisional IRA sniper. Sixty-one people have been murdered this year.

Mr Megrath, a machine operator, married with two teenage children, was one of the few Roman Catholic members of the regiment and was killed as he travelled from work to his home in Lisburn, Co Antrim, on Thursday night. He is the seventh member of the regiment to die this year.

The ambush on Mr Megrath in the nationalist Twinbrook area of West Belfast demonstrates that the Provisionals are reorganized after a period in which their operations were few and security forces foiled their activities.

Bombings, shootings and armed robberies have also risen sharply this year with IRA activity occurring in all of the province's six counties.

The movement was helped by Appeal Court judgements last year in which many people were released from custody after convictions on evidence from supergrasses were quashed.

Forty-four of this year's killings were the result of Provisional IRA action either against the security forces, civilians, alleged informers or when their own operations went wrong as at Loughgall in Co Armagh when eight IRA terrorists were shot dead by the Special Air Services as they launched an attack on a Royal Ulster Constabulary station.

Eight members of the Irish National Liberation Army died early in the year during the vicious feud which tore the organization apart.

Up until July 9, the security forces this year had recovered 2.7 tonnes of explosives, 113 firearms, 6,050 rounds of ammunition and 43 rocket and mortar launchers.

Prison inquiry call rejected

Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office, turned down a call from **Mr Gerald Bermingham** (St Helens South, Lab) for a Royal Commission into prison overcrowding.

Mr Patten said that calling for a Royal Commission was the last resort of politicians who had run out of intellectual steam. It was wrong to think that whisking a Royal Commission out of the air could solve all the problems.

If more criminals were deterred there would be fewer prisoners and Mr Bermingham could make a constructive contribution to crime prevention by encouraging some of the Labour-controlled local authorities with police watch committees to work with the police instead of making their job more difficult.

Claim that Chile uses torture ships disputed

There was no evidence of former Royal Navy ships in Chile being used as torture centres, **Mr David Mellor**, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

He was replying to **Mr Patrick Wall** (Bradford North, Lab), who said that a Chilean admiral, a founder member of the junta, had "put his warships to use as prison and torture ships for civilians".

Mr Wall was complaining about the Government supplying arms to "the bloodstained dictatorship in Chile" and said that the admiral's crimes were "on a par with those committed by Klaus Barbie".

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) said that people were being gunned down in the streets in Chile and the British Government was on the side of the murderers.

Mr Mellor said that the Government took great care not to approve the sale to Chile of items likely in its judgement to be used for internal repression. "We consider every application for arms sales to Chile and we refuse many. Our policy is a responsible one and in no way condones human rights abuses."

Britain had been disappointed at the lack of progress in the past on the peaceful restoration of democracy there, but there had been some positive signs in recent months.

First aid for sports events

The public had a right to expect a uniform standard of safety provision at all major sporting events, **Mr Neil Thorne** (Ilford South, C) said in a short debate.

The Home Office should ensure that safety arrangements were improved, particularly those concerning provision of first-aid equipment and personnel, without waiting for major disasters to occur.

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said that it was for local authorites to determine the extent to which they wished to insist on the provision of emergency medical care.

He would consider whether it was desirable to write to local authorities to draw specific attention to their power.

Private sector invited to build prisons

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Private enterprise will be introduced into the prison building programme through a new Home Office board, Mr Douglas Hurd disclosed yesterday.

The Home Secretary told Crosby Conservative Association: "I am setting up a new Prison Building Board within the Home Office which will include private sector experts and advisers".

The board would superintend the more efficient delivery of the building programme.

The Home Office initiates the idea of building a prison and gets the money for it from the Treasury. The Property Services Agency, which will now be bypassed, looks after management of prison construction.

Mr Hurd said: "We must cut the time which it takes to plan and build prisons. Part of the problem lies in the time which it takes to gain planning permission. The public think that building prisons is a good a thing – except in their patch.

"But there are a number of ways in which the design, control and management of major prison construction projects can be improved.

He had announced as a commitment the expansion and acceleration of the building programme. "But if I had told the House of Commons that action of this sort would be quick and substantial enough, without some reduction in the pressure on the prisons, then I would have been playing politics with the prison and police services."

He had announced an interim increase in remission from one-third to one-half for prisoners serving 12 months or less.

Mr Hurd said that unless further decisive action was taken "we risked the breakdown of control in one or more of our prisons".

Last week there were 625 police officers in London and more than 200 in the provinces diverted from their normal duties for the housing of prisoners in police cells.

"As the strain on them rises during the summer, police officers at all levels have quite justifiably pointed out to me that it was dangerous for them to shoulder indefinitely the job of acting as a safety valve for the prison system.

"A senior officer should not ever be faced with a choice between failing to police some sudden major event or abandoning prisoners placed in his care", Mr Hurd said.

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Political pundits see little hope of a comeback

Archer wins battle but his long war may be lost for ever

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Jeffrey Archer may have won his libel suit against *The Star* newspaper, but there were few at Westminster yesterday who believed he could now, once again, pick up the pieces of an aborted political career.

As associates pointed out, his resignation as deputy chairman of the Conservative party last October was not over allegations that he had slept with the prostitute Miss Monica Coghlan – allegations he has now successfully disproved.

He resigned because he had been foolish enough to pay Miss Coghlan £2,000 to go abroad to avoid any possible scandal. "For that lack of judgement, and that alone, I have tendered my resignation", he said at the time.

Though he has continued to tour constituencies on behalf of the Conservative Party since his resignation and will doubtless carry on doing so, that same lack of judgement effectively destroys any chance of him ever again holding an official Conservative post.

The most he could hope for, after the lapse of a very decent interval, is a peerage for services to the party.

But what, in fact, were his political prospects? In the course of the trial it was disclosed that Mr Archer had told Mr David Montgomery, then editor of *The News of the World*, that if the story broke his political career would be ruined.

"I believe I have an outside chance of being chairman of the party if this thing dies. I believe I have an outside chance of doing some work in my life that I will be proud of", he said.

Party sources dismiss the idea of Mr Archer ever being party chairman as complete fantasy, unworthy even of an Archer novel, and point to the nature of his role as deputy chairman.

He played no part in party administration, in policy formulation, or in political strategy. When Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman was away, it was Central Office apparatchiks, not Mr Archer, who ran the show.

He was effectively banned from talking about politics to the media following a series of gaffes in his first few weeks in the job (the unemployed, he said, should "get off their backsides" as he had done).

He was appointed personally by Mrs Thatcher in 1985 purely for his public relations talents.

In that role the likeable Mr Archer, the archetypal Thatcherite self-made millionaire, was a huge success. He spoke at hundreds of constituency party meetings. He was the darling of the Tory blue-rinsed ladies. He raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for party coffers.

It was a job – unpaid – that he loved. It gave him access to the Prime Minister and inner party circles. It was never, however, a route to political advancement.

There *was* a time when Mr Archer appeared to have a glittering political future. He entered the Commons following a by-election in Louth, Lincolnshire, in 1969 as the youngest MP. He was aged 29.

Raised in a middle-class home in Somerset, he had been educated at Wellington School and Brasenose College, Oxford, where he made his name by signing up the Beatles for a charity concert.

He had sprinted for England. He had served as a GLC councillor (needless to say, the youngest). His business interests (his company, Arrow Enterprises, ran major publicity events) were good and he was widely regarded as a rising star.

At the Commons, however, he dissipated a lot of goodwill through brashness. "He was obviously full of energy and ideas, but he was never ever backward in putting them forward and he put a few people's backs up", a senior party figure from that period recalled.

After five years in Parliament he was still regarded as possible ministerial material, but had not been made a Parliamentary Private Secretary, the first rung on the government ladder.

Then came his first fall from grace. Acting on a dud tip he invested £427,000, some of it borrowed money, in a Canadian company called Aquablast. Suddenly he faced bankruptcy.

He sold his Daimler and Chelsea home. He told his party whips that while he hoped to pull through he did not want to embarrass his party and so would not be fighting the coming election in October 1974.

Mr Archer did pull through. His wife, Mary, had a don's salary from Newnham College, Cambridge. Drawing on his own experiences, he produced his first novel, *Not A Penny More Not A Penny Less*, in 10 weeks.

It was the first of a string of huge bestsellers that have sold nearly 30 million copies in 84 countries and made him a millionaire many times over.

"He is the best selling paperback author in Britain", says his agent, Mrs Deborah Owen, wife of the SDP leader David. "His first American editor once said that the thing that is wonderful about Jeffrey is that he puts the reader on an express train and its impossible to get off till the end."

Mr Archer, his wife and two sons, now have a flat in the in the City of London and, as their main home, the old vicarage at Grantchester, near Cambridge.

As soon as he was financially solvent, and with something approaching celebrity status, he began unobtrusively to speak around the country in support of Conservative MPs.

Mrs Thatcher, who is said to enjoy his novels, appreciated his work for the party. To the surprise and amusement of many, she appointed him deputy chairman.

Within no time he had caused a minor political furore on the eve of a party conference by criticizing workshy youngsters during a BBC radio interview and suggesting that many of the unemployed did not want to work. Barely had that row died down than he caused another by asking: "Would you buy a used car from this government?"

Mr Archer's point was that the Conservative Party had to be "sold" like any other product, but it turned out to be yet another example of the lack of judgement at critical moments

As one senior Tory said yesterday: "He gets thing wrong, but then does exactly the right thing about it. Unfortunately the Prime Minister doesn't want her people to get things wrong in the first place."

Mr Archer may now have made one error of judgement too many. On the other hand, he has time and again made those critics who have written him off eat their words. He may yet do so again.

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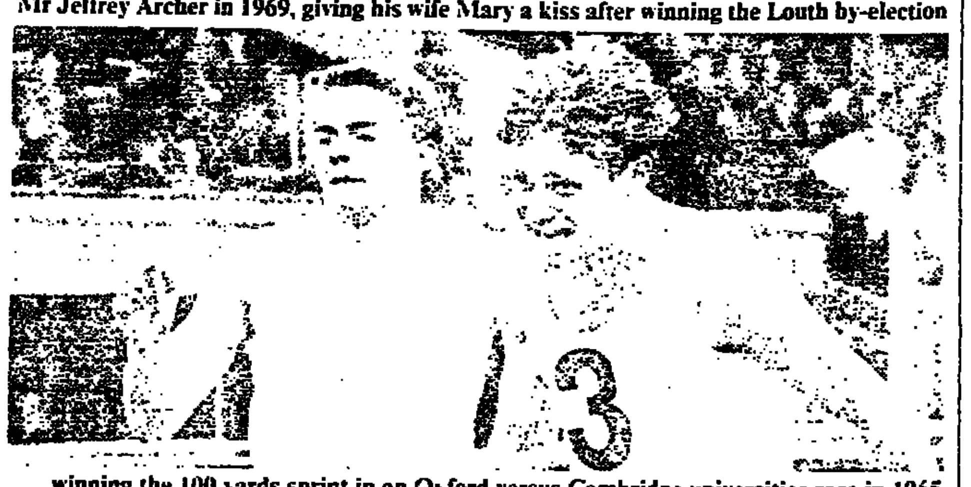
Mr Jeffrey Archer in 1969, giving his wife Mary a kiss after winning the Louth by-election



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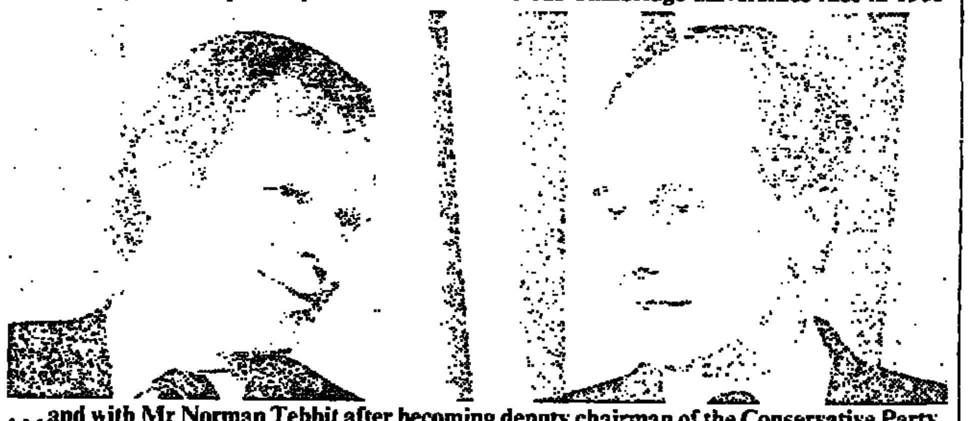


. . . and with Mr Norman Tebbit after becoming deputy chairman of the Conservative Party.

A high cost on both sides

By Paul Vallely

In the public gallery, one American mused: "I don't know – he kinda looks like Gary Hart".

Mr Archer has been accorded a favourable judgement by his peers and can justifiably claim that his name has been cleared.

But there is no way, he will be forced to admit to himself, that his good name can ever be restored to pristine condition.

The case, whatever else it did, served also to underline what his own QC could not avoid calling his "monumental folly" in paying a large sum of money to a woman with whom, the jury decided, he did not have sexual intercourse.

In addition there will always be the residual memory of those concessions he was forced to make under cross-examination.

There will also be the indignity of the public memory of those conversations he had on the eve of publication with the editor of the *News of the World*. Mr Archer, then deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, was reduced to begging that the damaging story should not be published.

Even the award of substantial damages cannot entirely erase the impression left by Mr Archer in the witness box. Occasionally his self-assurance crossed over into a rather unattractive cockiness, his politican's tendency to make speeches in response to cross-examination sounded dangerously like pomposity and his thriller-writer's sense of the dramatic pushed him into cheap melodrama. "I had what I believe is known as an alibi", he pronounced at one point with the air of an actor delivering an Act One curtain line.

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for Mr Archer, referred at one point to the evidence of Mr Aziz Kurtha, the prime mover of the allegations, who first recorded them in a singularly humourless article for *Private Eye*.

Mr Alexander observed rather sardonically: "He said he was colourblind and assumed that the car was red, brown or green; given three possibilities, like a good journalist he chose green".

Not that Mr Kurtha was a professional journalist. He was a wealthy Pakistani solicitor based in Lincoln's Inn Fields but whose clientele was primarily Middle Eastern.

His family owned substantial amounts of property and Mr Kurtha was able to lead the life of a playboy, driving around town in a Mercedes, frequenting casinos and dealing occasionally with a top class prostitute.

But he also dabbled in journalism, doing a little work as a presenter of a Channel 4 Asian programme and purveying the odd gossipy little story around Fleet Street. It was he who was the source of all the unsubstantiated claims that Mr Archer had been seen with the prostitute.

The account of the supposed encounter which he produced for submission to *Private Eye* (and which the magazine had the surprising good taste or legal sense not to use) was filled with little embellishments which, he frankly acknowledged, were included with no greater purpose than to make it more amusing.

He gave this evidence, as he did most of his testimony, with the insolent frivolity of a spoiled schoolboy whose parents are so wealthy that he does not need to take seriously the occasional carpeting by the headmaster. It was the attitude which, clearly, dominated his forays into the world of journalism.

The editor of *The Star*, referred to throughout by Mr Alexander as "the silent Mr Lloyd Turner", attempted no such sophistry. In his concluding speech Mr Archer's counsel listed some of the questions he would have asked if Mr Turner had taken the stand. They sounded rather awkward.

Silence in this case was, perhaps, a better policy than honesty. It may well be that a good many of the other main players in the case would today, with hindsight, agree.

The summing up in court

Judge is forced by defence counsel to correct errors

A dramatic intervention in the Jeffrey Archer libel case just as the judge was about to send the jury out to consider its verdict was made by the counsel for the defence yesterday.

Moments before the jury was about to leave, Mr Michael Hill, QC, who is representing *The Star*, rose to interrupt and challenge a number of factual errors in the judge's summary.

He began by suggesting that the jury should have been directed on the importance of "the lies told by Mr Archer to Mr Adam Raphael", then political editor of *The Observer*.

Mr Raphael had testified that on the day the *News of the World* first printed a story about Mr Archer and a prostitute, Mr Archer told him he had indeed met the woman. Later Mr Archer issue a statement denying the fact.

At this point Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for Mr Archer, intervened to ask the judge whether such a submission was proper. In a whispered aside directed at Mr Hill personally he told him that the remark was "absolutely disgraceful".

The judge then sent the jury from the court room.

When the jury returned the judge thanked Mr Hill for his assistance and told the jurors that he was making an addendum to his summing up. It covered eight factual errors in his earlier remarks.

"I think in a summing up on over seven hours errors can creep in, so I'm going to alert you to mistakes or inaccuracies in my summing up", he said.

He then made corrections in nine areas, all concerned with witnesses called in *The Star*'s defence.

He also made clarifications on whether he had correctly repeated the remarks of one of the journalists who had given evidence.

Mr Nicholas Constable, of *Today*, the judge said, had been fairly confident of his memory that Mr Archer claimed that on the night in question he was at a meeting. He did not say that Mr Archer "could have said meeting, could have said place", as the judge had told the jury.

The final point, he told the jury, concerned his review of the evidence of Mr Tony Dawe, formerly of the *Daily Express*, who testified that Mr Archer had offered yet another alibi involving a late night meeting with the Chief Whip.

Earlier the judge had suggested that this evidence was refuted by Mr Archer's statement that the Chief Whip was never in his office so late.

The judge told the jury that in fact Mr Dawe had never said the meeting was in the Chief Whip's office. The judge said he had "misquoted" the evidence by attributing Mr Archer's location to Mr Dawe.

There were also three points of law, he said, which the jury should know about.

The Star's defence was "justification". The law was that this defence did not fail just because every detail in the story was not proved. The substantial point was: did Mr Archer have sex with the prostitute.

> ❛ Don't worry whether The Star has the money. Just make your award. ❜

The jury could ignore all the other details in the story about Miss Coghlan's other clients, 90 per cent of whom wanted sex of a deviant nature "even if you think that parts of the article are plainly untrue and possibly fantasy".

On *The News of the World*, he said, Mr Archer was suing that paper separately. No damages, he said, could be awarded for the grief and anguish suffered by Mr Archer in the week between the publication of the original *News of the World* article and *The Star*'s later allegations.

"I should also have told you on the issue of identification there could be other evidence", which supported the identification. "If you concluded that Archer has deliberately and falsely concocted an alibi you could take that into account."

Mr Hill intervened again, at this point, to remind the judge of another matter – the degree of conflict between Mrs Archer and Mr Raphael. Earlier in his summing up the judge said that this conflict was "not very serious" and had attributed to Mrs Archer a phrase which was actually Mr Raphael's.

Before the intervention by Mr Hill, the judge had told the jury that if they found for Mr Archer they should not award a massive amount of damages out of a sense of devilment. On the other hand, he said, they should be large enough to send a message to the world that the accusations were false.

"Make your award sensible. But that does not mean the award will be low because it is sensible. It could be very high.

"Don't worry whether *The Star* newspaper has the money. Just make your award."

The amount should be fixed as a figure which was fair compensation for Mr Archer rather than punishment for *The Star*, however.

One factor they should take into account about the libel, the judge said, was: "How filthy is it? Is it merely a report of the contact between Archer and a prostitute? Or has the writer used his imagination? Certainly according to Miss Coghlan he has."

The assessment should be based on the pain and anguish and suffering caused to Mr Archer. The jury could not award damages to Mrs Archer but it could take into account the effects it would have on her husband to see his wife also carrying the cross.

There were two other elements which merited consideration, if they decided to find for Mr Archer. Were aggravated damages warranted because *The Star* had persisted in carrying the case through to the bitter end and, in a more minor way, had further damage been done to Mr Archer by the "blatant" banner headline on *The Star*'s coverage of the trial?

Sheffield murder trial

The last words of a loving mistress 'in suicide pact'

By Ian Smith

Ian Wood and his French-born mistress sat in the kitchen of their country home discussing how she and her two children should die, he told a jury at Sheffield Crown Court yesterday.

Sleeping tablets were discounted as impracticable because although her son Christopher, aged five, might unknowingly swallow them, his two-year-old sister Stephanie would have to be held and the tablets forced down her throat.

So instead Wood, a solicitor, aged 38, volunteered to use a gun to kill the woman he loved and the two children who called him "Poppa".

Giving evidence on the fourth day of his trial, Wood, a Law Society branch secretary, told how emotional and financial difficulties had left him and his lover "crushed, beaten down and isolated".

He said that when Danielle Lloyd, aged 38, who was expecting the couple's baby, proposed suicide as the only way out he agreed immediately.

Wood told how Mrs Lloyd was stricken after overhearing a threat by her husband to deprive her of the two children she loved above all else.

After a 10-minute discussion about how their lives should end Wood had sexual intercourse with Mrs Lloyd who whispered "Je t'aime" seconds before she was shot in the back of the head at point blank range.

He then carried Stephanie into a bedroom, killed her and lured Christopher into the bathroom to play hide and seek and shot him while the youngster lay on the floor with a towel over his head.

Wood, of Ughill Hall, Bradfield, near Chester, has pleaded guilty to murdering Stephanie and attempting to murder Christopher but denied murdering their mother. Instead he has pleaded manslaughter on the grounds that they had entered into a suicide pact.

Wood also admits stealing £84,000 from clients although the prosecution alleges he misappropriated more than £150,000.

Yesterday the part-time Tax Commissioner's clerk admitted he had defrauded legal clients of approximately £180,000.

In evidence he told how he had juggled clients' mortgage accounts after stealing their money and then seen the phoney world he had created collapse in ruins.

He said that while he came to terms with the reality of having to make a confession to police, Mrs Lloyd, who to the outside world was her normal breezy self, was an appalling mental wreck.

Describing the shootings Wood told jurors: "They were not dying, we were just going to something better.

"We truly believed we were leaving all the pain and suffering and going to somewhere where we would be free."

Eight days after the shootings Wood was seen clinging to a gargoyle 200ft above Amiens Cathedral threatening suicide.

While a priest and two policemen tried to talk him down the square below was crowded with villagers urging him to jump.

But Wood did not. Instead after six hours he crawled along the parapet to safety and surrendered to police. To have jumped to his death, he told the court, would have been the final act of a circus clown.

Under cross-examination he admitted he had not tried to dissuade Mrs Lloyd from their suicide pact nor had she chosen to kiss goodbye to the children whose lives she had agreed to sacrifice.

The case continues on Monday.

Criticism over news for TV-am

By Ruth Gledhill

TV-am's news coverage has been criticized by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

The authority says in its mid-term review of TV-am, which is half-way through its eight-year contract, that there needs to be some improvements in the range, speed and authority of news coverage.

It also advised the independent morning television station to show more caution when using material related to advertisements.

The authority, the regulatory body for independent television, has urged TV-am to draw a stricter line between news and public relations material and to adhere more closely to a section of the Broadcasting Act that deals with advertising.

It has also criticized TV-am's coverage of sport and religious affairs.

The authority called for improvements in the use of regional facilities and greater use of specialist reporters.

"The authority is disappointed with the weekend coverage of sport, especially the absence of sport on Sundays, and its research findings indicate that improvements in this area would find an appreciative audience", the IBA writes in the review, which was published this week.

It adds that in regard to religion, the "company has not yet demonstrated real determination to fulfil its original declaration of intent" and that it has still to achieve a "topical religious segment".

TV-am accepted the points and is already working to expand news and current affairs coverage, a spokesman said.

'Double life' man took £1.4m

For more than 20 years Charles McGuire led a double life as a modestly paid accountant and a big spending jetsetter.

He turned his dreams of wealth into reality by stealing £1.4 million and spending most of it on luxury living.

The Central Criminal Court heard yesterday how he was regarded as a conscientious, meticulous and scrupulously honest chief accountant at Pitman's Secretarial College in Bloomsbury, central London.

But in reality he loved the good life, flying Concorde to the United States, buying £500 suits, staying in five-star hotels and driving luxury cars.

McGuire, aged 54, of Dover Street, Westminster, central London, admitted nine specimen charges of theft and was jailed for six years.

Mr Rodger Hayward-Smith, for the prosecution, told the court that McGuire was earning £13,000 a year when he was made redundant in May 1985, and by then was stealing more than £50,000 a year from the college, mostly in cash fees paid by students.

Judge Kenneth Machin said it was a tragedy to see McGuire in the dock.

"You were in a position of trust and you abused that trust year-in and year-out. The fact is that these sums were taken simply so you could enjoy a high and extravagant life outside work", he said.

Mr Hayward-Smith told the court that McGuire's dishonesty was not discovered until he was made redundant and an audit during reorganization revealed losses of £150,000.

When McGuire was interviewed he astounded directors by confessing that his thefts amounted to £1.4 million.

He showed investigators how, since 1972, he had been falsifying value added tax returns, pocketing students' fees and covering his tracks by destroying documents.

Mr David Evans, for the defence, said: "To have stopped would have revealed the fraud, as it eventually did.

"When he was found out, he felt an upsurge of relief. This man is now penniless.

● A typist accused of dishonestly handling more than £900,000 was remanded on bail until October 2 at Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

Gloria McGuire, aged 52, is charged with dishonestly handling £931,702 between February 1974 and December 1986 for the benefit of her husband Charles McGuire, knowing or believing it to be stolen.

Solicitor took money from clients' wills

A Liverpool solicitor who admitted stealing £133,000 of his clients' money was jailed for 30 months at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday.

The court was told that Peter Ascroft, aged 39, of Downhills Road, Blundellsands, had sold his home in St Anthony's Road, Crosby, his cars, and all his assets and raised almost £129,000 towards repaying the money.

Mr David Boulton, for the prosecution, said it was stolen over seven years mainly from beneficiaries of wills. Mr Justice Macpherson, sentencing Ascroft told him: "It is sad to see a Liverpool solicitor in this dock".

A holiday guide for those who want to miss the sewage

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Teams of biologists, wading into the Adriatic and Mediterranean, have come up with Italy's first guide to the polluted seaside, an indispensable beach by beach account of algae and ammonia.

The result, revealed in the weekly *L'Espresso*, came as a rude shock to those who thought that Italy's long, parasoled beaches were threatened only by volley-balling Germans and the odd jellyfish.

Tuscany, a favourite holiday destination for many Britons, emerges poorly from the survey, which covers some 300 Italian beaches. The waters of the five Tuscan provinces with coastlines have an average of 19 per cent pollution.

The 15 miles of shoreline that belong to Pisa are almost 40 per cent polluted. Anywhere close to the mouth of a river and those places where city sewage spills out is predictably unsuitable for bathing. Watch out for Carrara, Massa, Pisa, Livorno or Piombino.

According to the survey, by the League of Environmentalists, other crucial factors such as unfavourable currents and nearby chemical works can make even the most beautiful-looking beaches "*non balneabili*".

These include the shoreline near the jet set venue of Porto San Stesano and the east coast of Elba.

Tuscany stands out in the survey as having particularly dirty waters, but this may be because the local authorities were more forthcoming with information.

Some regions such as Sicily did not carry out the sampling needed for the survey. The researchers supplemented the officially supplied figures with their own testing.

The overall results show that too many chemicals have been released, especially by factories, in an uncontrolled way near prime tourist spots. Some of the seawater analysis reads like a chemist's shelf: mercury, lead, cadmium and various nitrates.

The chemicals are sometimes only present in trace quantities and the "no bathing" rosettes awarded by the environmentalists may be erring on the side of caution.

Certainly many tourist authorities think so and are not putting up their own "bathing prohibited" signs.

Some of the top tourist spots – Rimini, Sardinia (top of the league) and even the Venice Lido – emerge rather well, give or take a few algae. There the trick is to survive the sand, with its teaming mass of sunbathers, rather than the sea.

Up to £300 million is to be spent on a clean-up of beaches in the south-west of Britain, it was announced yesterday.

The South-West Water Authority is to spend the money over the next 10 to 15 years to bring the area's 103 EEC monitored beaches into line with European standards.

Last year 25 beaches failed to comply with directives. Nine of these, from Lyme Regis in Dorset to Bude in North Cornwall, are already earmarked for improvement in the authority's capital programme.

Although holidaymakers from all over Britain will benefit, the cost will fall on South-West Water's 700,000 paying customers. They face hefty rates rises over the next four years to improve and maintain almost one-third of the total number of European monitored beaches in the United Kingdom.

At a press conference in Exeter yesterday, it was said that 50 per cent of sewage went into the sea untreated and that 55 main sea outfalls were unsatisfactory. Part of the plan involves pumping sewage further out to sea.

Mr Rupert Grantham, a marine scientist, said that two beaches in Mount's Bay, west Cornwall, were probably the worst in the region.

The main risk of swimming in water not to standard was to small children, who could develop a mild form of gastroenteritis.

'Underlying, cardinal faults by management' led to the loss of 188 lives, says judge

The 'disease of sloppiness' blamed for Herald disaster

By Rodney Cowton and David Sapsted

The underlying faults for the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster were yesterday blamed on "the disease of sloppiness" that ran through all levels of Townsend Thoresen management.

But the master, chief officer and assistant boatswain were directly responsible for the "errors of omission" that led to the March 6 tragedy, in which at least 188 people died, said the judge heading the inquiry into the ferry disaster.

Mr Justice Sheen said: "A full investigation into the circumstances of the disaster leads inexorably to the conclusion that the underlying or cardinal faults lay higher up the company".

Outlining the events of Friday, March 6, Mr Justice Sheen said the Herald set sail at 18.05 GMT from berth 12 at the Belgium port of Zeebrugge with 459 passengers and 80 crew on board.

She capsized just over 20 minutes later after water poured in through her open bow doors. A shallow sand bank was the only reason the ship did not sink completely.

The reason the vessel capsized was because the inner and outer bow doors had not been shut, though there was no reason to believe there was any mechanical malfunction.

Although the Herald operated with one officer less on the Zeebrugge run than it did on the Dover-Calais service there was "no reason why the Herald could not have been safely and efficiently operated on the Dover-Zeebrugge run with this number of officers, if proper thought had been given to the organization of their duties".

There was, however, pressure on the chief officer, Mr Leslie Sabel, who was in charge of loading the ferry and ensuring the bow doors were shut, to return to his harbour station on the bridge as soon as possible, illustrating that the company's standing orders displayed "a lack of proper thought".

The Herald also set sail on its last voyage between 250-270 tonnes heavier than its original design specification because of modifications and the collection of various stores. Although the inquiry did not find overloading to be a cause of the tragedy "it demonstrates the need for more information about the weight of cargo to be loaded and the desirability of fitting draught indicators".

On the evening of March 6, Captain David Lewry did not follow the practice, which he described, of restricting speed so that water did not come above the spade (at the ship's bow), Mr Justice Sheen said.

❝ The company's standing orders displayed a lack of proper thought ❞

It was calculated that the Herald could have been approaching its ultimate speed of 18 knots when disaster struck. Tests on a model and on one of the Herald's sister ships showed the water could be two metres above the spade at such a speed.

A large quantity of water entered G deck, said the report, causing an initial lurch to port of up to 30 degrees. It stabilized briefly before it started to topple, more slowly, until it was at more than 90 degrees.

"From the outset, Mr Mark Stanley, who was the assistant boatswain, has accepted that it was his duty to close the bow doors at the time of departure from Zeebrugge and that he failed to carry out this duty", said the judge.

Instead, he was asleep in his cabin and "will, no doubt, suffer remorse for a long time to come". If Townsend Thoresen decided it was appropriate to take action against him, it could do so under the code of conduct for the merchant navy, the judge added.

In fairness to Mr Stanley, Mr Justice Sheen pointed out that after the ship capsized, he played an important part in rescuing passengers.

The boatswain, Mr Terry Ayling, was believed to be the last person to leave deck and he was criticized by the court for having a narrow interpretation of his duties because he left without seeing anyone was present to close the doors.

However, Mr Ayling was also praised for the "exemplary" way he organized the rescue operation immediately after the sinking.

Mr Justice Sheen said the court was not wholly convinced the truth had emerged about how second officer Mr Paul Morter came to be relieved of his duty as loading officer by Mr Sabel.

❝ There was pressure to leave 15 minutes early to reduce delays ❞

Mr Sabel's evidence, especially that he believed he saw Mr Stanley heading towards the door control panel as the ship sailed, had been challenged and "it is important to bear in mind the physical injuries and shock suffered by Mr Sabel", the judge said.

He added: "The precise facts are of no consequence because Mr Sabel failed to carry out his duty to ensure that the bow doors were closed. He was seriously negligent by reason of that failure.

"Of all the many faults which combined to lead directly or indirectly to this tragic disaster, that of Mr Leslie Sabel was the most immediate. This court cannot condone such irresponsible conduct. For this reason, his certificate of competency must be suspended."

There was no reason why a loading officer should not have remained on deck until the three-minute operation to close the doors was complete, although the inquiry heard evidence that there was pressure from Townsend Thoresen to leave Zeebrugge 15 minutes early to reduce delays being encountered at Dover.

"The court was left in no doubt that deck officers felt that there was no time to be wasted. The company took no proper steps to ensure that the chief officer remained until the bow doors were closed.

"On March 6 they were running late. The Herald sailed late. This may have contributed to Mr Sabel's decision to leave G deck before the arrival of Mr Stanley", the judge said.

He went on to say that, as master of the ship, Captain Lewry was responsible for the safety of everyone on board. "Captain Lewry took the Herald to sea with the bow doors fully open. It follows that Captain Lewry must accept personal responsibility for the loss of his ship."

In mitigation, Mr Justice Sheen said it had to be borne in mind that Captain Lewry was only operating the same system as other masters on the Herald, and that the ship's standing orders made no reference to closing the bow and stern doors.

Also, there had been five previous occasions when one of the company's ships had proceeded with either bow or stern doors open, and that Townsend Thoresen management had not made the incidents known to their captains.

The judge suspended Captain Lewry's certificate of competency, and said: "The fact that other masters operated the same defective system does not relieve Captain Lewry of his personal responsibility for taking his ship to sea in an unsafe condition."

The Herald's senior master, Captain John Kirby, was also criticized for failing to issue clear and concise instructions about the operation of the doors. He should have introduced a fail-safe system but, instead, accepted without demur the company's defective standing orders.

"Captain Kirby was one of many masters who failed to apply their minds to those orders and to take steps to have them clarified. Captain Kirby must bear his share of the responsibility for the disaster", said the judge.

But the "underlying and cardinal faults" leading to the tragedy had to be laid at door of management, he added. The board of directors did not understand their responsibilities for the safe management of their ships.

Nobody applied their mind to questions of safety, and there was a lack of thought about how the Herald should operate on the Zeebrugge service.

Mr Justice Sheen said: "All concerned in management, from the members of the board of directors down to the junior superintendents, were guilty of fault in that all must be regarded as sharing responsibility for the failure of management. From top to bottom, the body corporate was infected with the disease of sloppiness."

The court was "singularly unimpressed" with the evidence given to the inquiry of Mr Tony Young, operations director, and then-technical director, Mr Jimmy Ayers, who has since retired. There was an abdication of responsibility and a failure to give clear orders, said the judge, who described Mr Ayers' evidence to the inquiry as "verbose, rambling and at times misleading".

❝ The shore management took very little notice of their captains ❞

The judge said: "Clear instructions are the foundation of a safe system of operation. It was the failure to give clear orders about the duties of the officers on the Zeebrugge run which contributed so greatly to the cause of this disaster."

He went on to say that Townsend Thoresen's chairman, Mr Peter Ford, had only taken office shortly before the disaster, and that he had "very favourably impressed" the inquiry with the steps he had taken since March 6 to overcome the "malaise" that had infected the company's management.

Mr Jeffrey Develin, formerly the company's chief marine superintendent and now a director, was responsible for the safe operation of the ships. As the inquiry unfolded, said the judge, it became clear that shore management took very little notice of what they were told by their captains.

Complaints by masters about ships setting to sea with too many passengers; calls for the fitting of bridge warning lights to show the bow doors were closed; warnings that draught marks could not be read; and proposals to fit high-capacity pumps to get rid of excessive ballast at Zeebrugge were all ignored in what Mr Justice Sheen described as "staggering complacency".

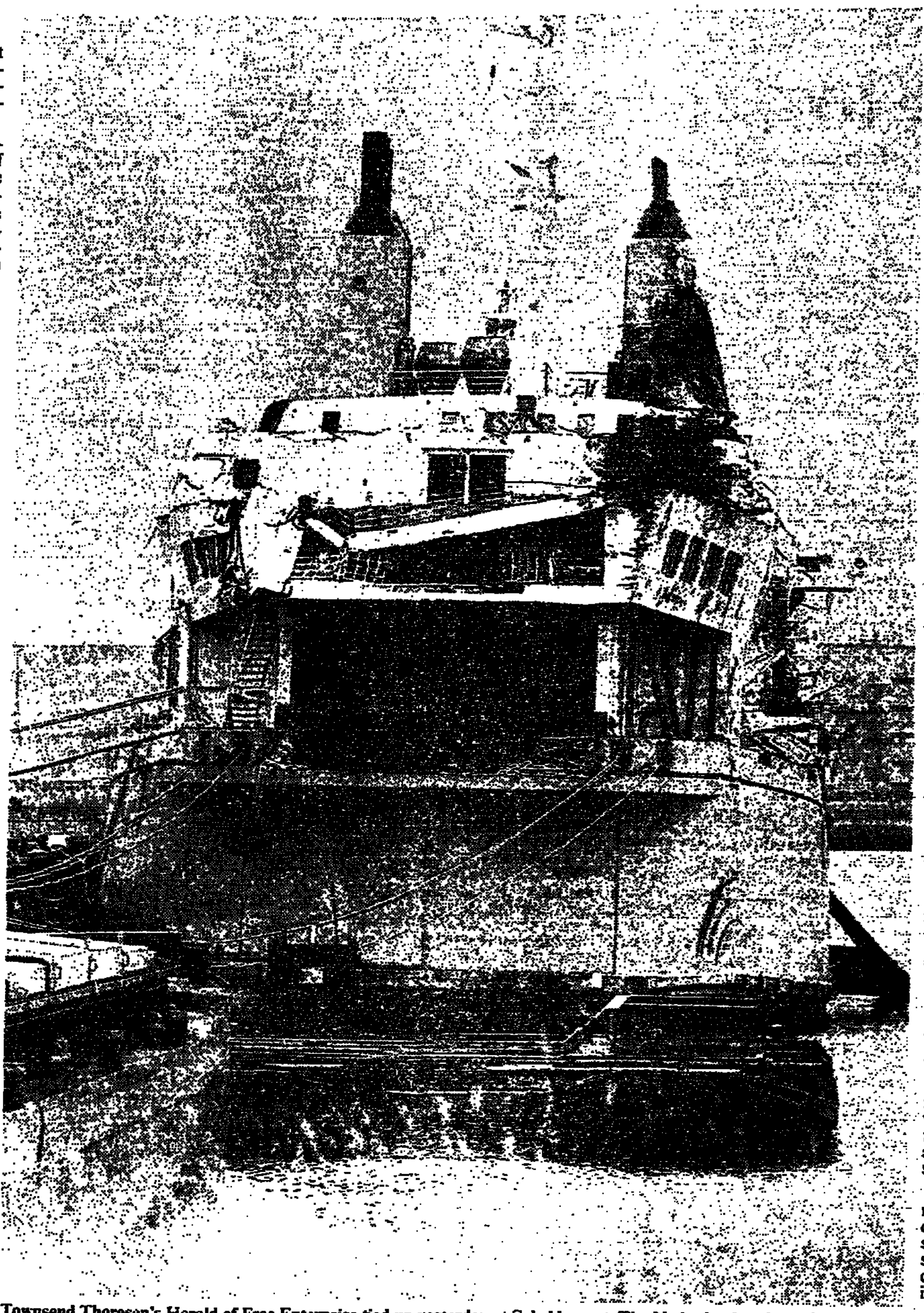
Proposals sent by a captain for the fitting of bridge lights were circulated by Mr Develin to other managers, the judge said, and were greeted by a string of fatuous comments including: "Do they need an indicator to tell them whether the deck storekeeper is awake and sober?"

Mr Justice Sheen said that remark was "either ominously prescient or showed an awareness of this type of incident in the past".

He added: "If the sensible suggestion that indicator lights be installed had received, in 1985, the serious consideration which it deserved, it is at least possible that they could have been fitted in the early months of 1986 and this disaster might well have been prevented".

Despite all that had happened, Mr Justice Sheen said the court was "clearly of the opinion that no statutory offence has been committed". It was not an offence to go to sea with bow doors open and existing laws did not cover the positioning of doors, portholes or any other covers.

He said: "If it is the view of Parliament that the taking to sea of a ro-ro ferry with her bow or stern doors open ought to be a criminal offence, then Parliament must enact the appropriate legislation".



Townsend Thoresen's Herald of Free Enterprise tied up yesterday at Scheldepoort, The Netherlands, where she has been awaiting her fate since being raised from the seabed by the Dutch salvage company Smit Tak (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Captain David Lewry
The master

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Mr Leslie Sabel
Chief officer

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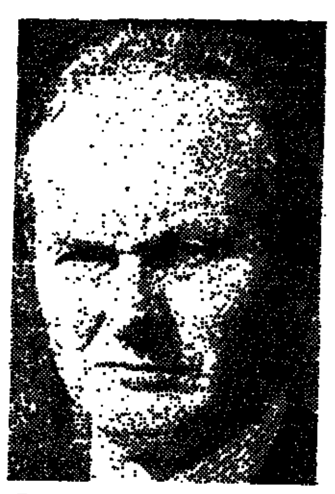

Captain John Kirby
Senior master

❝ He accepted without demur the company's defective standing orders ❞

Inquiry calls for safety research

The inquiry produced wide ranging recommendations for ensuring higher standards of safety on passenger roll-on roll-off ferries.

These include examination of the use of bulkheads to enable damaged ferries to survive longer if water gets into them, the possibility of introducing licences for ferry operators, and measures to raise the level of the car deck above sea-level.

It calls for urgent research into the future design of ferries.

Leaving the bow doors open is only one of several ways by which water in quantity may gain access to the main car deck. The most likely cause must be side damage resulting from a collision.

Cross Channel ferries operate in a high-risk environment, as many have to cross the main shipping lanes.

The report says that all measures to improve survivability of ferries will affect the cost of the ship. It says the freeboard (the distance between sea level and the car deck) should be increased.

The report warns that transverse bulkheads "could constitute a grave penalty against the operation of a ferry for its primary purpose".

Nevertheless, it calls for a feasibility exercise to be carried out into the practical details of such divisions and their effect upon commercial operations. Another possibility is the fitting of portable bulkheads.

The reportalso calls for measures to reduce the risk of water on the main car deck flooding on to lower decks, and seeks improved pumping systems for removing water.

Regarding the new management which has been introduced at Townsend Thoresen since the disaster, the report says the company has shown a determination to put its house in order.

The court questions the value of lifeboats on passenger ferries because of the possibility of a swift capsize.

"There are obvious advantages in drastically reducing the number of lifeboats carried and thereby saving space and reducing weight. In their place a large number of liferafts could be carried with advantage."

The report turns to allegations that false evidence was made in ships' log books and says: "There should be a requirement that the departure draughts must be entered in the deck log book as well as the official log book".

The court of inquiry hopes the possible licensing of passenger ferry operators will receive serious consideration.

There are some recommended safety measures, which are comparatively inexpensive, and which appear to be so eminently desirable that this country should take unilateral action.

Those subjects calling for immediate action relate to the safety of the ship, the loading and stability of the ship, and the saving of life in an emergency.

Indicator lights to show that bow and stern doors have been closed are now required. The entire indicator light system should be designed on a fail-safe basis so that if there were an electrical failure in any switch circuit, the system would indicate danger.

Closed circuit television to monitor cargo spaces should be fitted.

At some berths some ferries cannot shut their doors before the ramp has been raised. "All berths on UK routes should be altered so that ships with clam shell doors or normal stern doors are able to shut their doors before leaving the berth."

The report refers to the difficulty, if not the impossibility, of reading the aft draught on many ferries, and says that draught gauges or indicators should be a requirement for roll-on roll-off passenger ferries.

In view of the uncertainty as to the actual weight of many freight vehicles, port authorities should provide rolling weighbridges.

As a matter of urgency, self-contained emergency lighting of a type which is watertight, and if submerged will remain alight until the batteries run down, should be fitted to all roll-on roll-off ferries.

In general the design of slab-sided vessels should be discouraged. They eliminate escape routes and embarkation stations often have to be on the top deck, which is very high above the water.

Parliamentary statement

Labour MPs claim that ship's officers are being made scapegoats

Labour MPs accused the Government of a whitewash and said that the ship's officers of the Herald of Free Enterprise are being made scapegoats.

When Mr Paul Channon made a statement to the Commons on the official report on the disaster, they said that Townsend Thoresen was getting off scot-free and called for criminal proceedings against the company.

One Conservative MP said the company should be closed down and another said that its management was rotten to the core and that people would be dismayed that it was still sailing.

Having outlined the main findings of the report, **Mr Channon**, Secretary of State for Transport, said that it contained recommendations to improve the safety of ro-ro ferries.

He went on: These are divided into those for immediate action, those for action in the near future and those for action in the longer term. Many are of major importance.

I will be discussing the report and its recommendations with representatives of the ferry operators and port industry next week.

However, there are certain measures that I can now announce. I am straightaway undertaking the necessary statutory consultations to make mandatory the following:

The fitting of indicator lights to show the position of superstructure doors; the fitting of closed-circuit television monitors for surveillance of the car deck doors to be monitored from the bridge; the provision of self-contained emergency lighting units.

I propose that these requirements will be applied to all passenger vessels operating to or from UK ports, regardless of flag.

I am consulting the industry, as a matter of urgency, on three further measures recommended in the report:

The fitting of draught gauges; the fitting of load indicators; the design of windows, including the use of toughened or laminated glass.

The court considers that it would be possible to introduce a system under which every passenger has a boarding card. I shall be pursuing this proposal with the ferry operators.

I shall be pursuing the suggestion in the report for making greater use of weighbridges for improving information supplied to masters about the weight of vehicles loading on to ferries.

In addition I shall examine with the industry the problems which can arise when the design of a berth makes it physically impossible for a vessel to close its loading doors before it has pulled away.

In his statement on March 9 immediately following the disaster, my predecessor announced that the department's surveyors were embarking on a programme of checks on roll-on roll-off ferries in UK ports to ensure that all loading door mechanisms were in working order and that officers and crew were aware of the correct operating procedure.

I can announce today that these arrangements will be extended to include random checks on ferries to ensure that statutory requirements about loading, stability and passenger numbers are being observed.

In the longer term, the court recommended detailed investigations and model tests with a view to increasing the stability of ro-ro passenger ferries, and to examine the implications of the provisions of bulkheads on vehicle decks.

My department is therefore making available an additional £1 million to support an enhanced programme of research into this difficult area.

During the hearings, different views were expressed about whether or not the act of taking a vessel to sea with its bow doors open constituted an offence under the Merchant Shipping Acts.

The court was clearly of the opinion that no statutory offence had been committed (Labour protests). This disaster has demonstrated the appalling consequences that can follow when a ferry proceeds to sea with its bow doors open and, in my view, this should be a criminal offence.

I shall therefore include in the Merchant Shipping Bill, which I intend to introduce in Parliament after the recess, a provision to strengthen the law in this respect.

Mr Peter Snape, an Opposition spokesman on transport, said that Mr Justice Sheen's report emphasized a horrifying state of affairs.

"The Herald of Free Enterprise was a latter day Titanic, wrecked on an iceberg of Department of Transport indifference, managerial incompetence and working methods designed apparently only in the interest of shortening turn-around times, regardless of the risk to passengers and crew."

The recommendation for the suspension of two crew members was deplorable. They were operating arrangements approved by management. Those same arrangements were probably adhered to by most other principle officers in the Townsend Thoresen fleet.

Mr Channon said that he did not accept the criticisms of the Department of Transport.

The view of the court, as far as the company was concerned, was that no statutory offence had been committed. "It is extremely important that the public understands that the judge goes out of his way to say that the new management which has taken over ...(Opposition cry of 'Whitewash'). There are new managers. It is the view of the court..."

Mr John Prescott (Hull East, Lab) said that the report was an indictment of the sloppy practices that had gone on for many years.

Although it had been said that it was not a statutory offence to proceed to sea with the bow doors open, it was an offence to send a ship to sea in an unseaworthy condition.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L) said that the court found fault lay with named officers and with the company. The country would not understand unless he admitted to the House that Townsend Thoresen was grossly negligent.

"Unless action is taken and unless the Secretary of State concedes that negligence was committed grossly by the company, and possibly by the department, then the legacy of this terrible tragedy will be that those who died paid the price of free enterprise.

Mr Channon said that had there been criticism of his department, showing negligence, he would taken appropriate action.

Mr Gerald Bermingham (St Helens South, Lab) said that the number of inspectors in Mr Channon's department had been reduced in the last few years. The frequency of inspections had, therefore, decreased and there had been more sloppiness. Did not Mr Channon think his department should take some blame in this disaster?

Mr Channon said he had been advised that the frequency of inspections had not decreased, but he would check this.

Mr Terence Dicks (Hayes and Harlington, C): Most people cannot understand how the company is still allowed to sail ferries. He should licence ferry operators and not just look at seaworthiness. If he had had that power, Townsend Thoresen could have been taken off the sea.

Mr Channon: The House should consider whether that is a road down which we should go, but it is a road with many implications.

Mr Henry Bellingham (North West Norfolk, C): Many people will be dismayed that this company is still sailing. It is not good enough to say that there are new managers. The management is obviously rotten to the core and people expect tough action by ministers.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Drugs trial switch after death threats

Uppsala – The venue of the trial of Captain Simon Hayward on charges of smuggling drugs into Sweden has been switched for security reasons and will now open in Stockholm next Tuesday (Philip Jacobson writes).

Behind this decision lies the fear that Captain Hayward's life may be in danger from the international narcotics ring with which his brother, Christopher, is alleged to be closely involved.

Anonymous death threats have already been made against the British officer and against Swedish detectives and judicial officials handling his case.

This suprise development has heightened speculation here that Captain Hayward, who denies smuggling Moroccan hashish worth an estimated £500,000 into the country in his brother's car, may now be co-operating with the investigation.

The Uppsala authorities have said previously that it was too dangerous to send drugs squad detectives to pursue the case on the Spanish island of Ibiza. It is not yet clear whether Captain Hayward will be tried in specially protected surroundings in the Swedish capital.

Judge for FBI

Washington – President Reagan yesterday nominated Mr William Sessions of Texas, a federal court judge, as the new director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Mohsin Ali writes).

Mr Sessions, 57, is to succeed Mr William Webster, who recently became director of the Central Intelligence Agency. By choosing Mr Sessions, Mr Reagan has ended a lengthy search for a new FBI chief. Mr Sessions, a Republican, must be confirmed by the Senate in his new job, which is for a 10-year-term.

Spanish car bomb

Eibar (AP) – A car bomb exploded in front of a Civil Guard barracks in this Basque town yesterday, injuring eight paramilitary Civil Guards and an unknown number of civilians, the office of the provincial Governor said. Five of the guards were admitted to hospital with serious injuries, a spokesman added.

The explosion, 10 minutes after a telephoned warning, came a day after Civil Guards broke up a commando group of suspected Basque terrorists in San Sebastián, 37 miles north-east of here.

Church to be returned

Moscow – The authorities in Lithuania, one of the three Baltic republics in the Soviet Union, have announced that they are to return to the Catholic community a church which was seized by the state in 1960 (Mary Dejevsky writes).

The Queen of Peace church in Klaipeda – the third largest city in Lithuania and an important Soviet naval base – became the focus for Roman Catholic and Lithuanian nationalist sentiment when it was taken over by the city council and converted into a concert hall.

According to the announcement, the church will be handed over within two years. Its seizure had left Klaipeda's Catholics with nowhere to worship except a small prayer house.

Daylight curfew

Delhi (Reuter) – Police imposed a daylight curfew on Delhi's walled city today to prevent Hindu-Muslim clashes after eight Muslims were killed in nearby Uttar Pradesh state.

Police said Old Delhi was tense after the Wednesday night killings in which Muslim passengers, including three women, were dragged from a bus in Walidpur village near Meerut and beaten to death. Another man was stabbed to death

Tribute by OAU

Oslo – A non-African head of government is to address the Organization of African Unity on Monday for the first time in its history, the Norwegian national newsagency NTB reported yesterday (Tony Samstag writes).

Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister, has been invited to speak to the OAU summit in Addis Ababa because of "Norway's positive attitude towards Africa's problems."

QE2 engine trouble

Gibraltar – The QE2 luxury cruise liner sailed directly for Southampton yesterday, cancelling a stop at the Algarve's most beautiful beach resort, Praia de Rocha, after faults in its main propulsion system forced it to remain docked on Thursday night in Gibraltar (A Correspondent writes). Engine problems have plagued the Cunard ship since its £110 million refit in West Germany this year.

Two private aircraft flew out spare parts and specialized engineers to work on the engine with staff of a local shipyard. When the vessel left in mid-afternoon, it was not clear whether repairs were complete or only a patching-up operation had been possible. The vessel had arrived from Lisbon with 3,000 passengers and crew.

Sad Shultz brings US back to a sense of sanity and reality

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

Rarely has a senior serving official ever delivered such a devastating public indictment of the government in which he serves as did Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, this week. His picture of intrigue and deception in the White House, of guerrilla warfare and extraordinary pettiness is far worse even than critics of the Reagan Administration imagined.

It is a sad moment for America, and for a proud man like Mr Shultz. Fury and contempt broke through his flat monotone as he outlined the way the President he has known for more than 20 years was misled, misinformed and misused by his underlings, and as he described his frustration at being unable to get into the Oval Office to tell President Reagan what was going on.

And with terse, telling bluntness, he shared with the nation his humiliation at the attempt by the conspirators first to shut him out of policy-making and then to push him out of the Administration. The low point came when a 35-year-old aide denied him an aircraft to use on official business, and the Secretary of State, the third highest office-holder in the land, was reduced to sending a so-called "yes/no" memorandum to the President seeking permission to fly.

Mr Shultz's testimony was the more powerful for its blunt directness. No lawyer whispered in his ear, there were no hesitations or convenient memory lapses. With stolid but forceful eloquence, punctuated by flashes of wry humour ("I hardly know Colonel North although, like everybody else in America, I feel I know him well by now"), he made clear exactly what was wrong with the Iran policy from its conception and with the way its proponents viewed their job.

The need for a great world power to act with consistency, morality and above all, according to its own laws and constitution, has rarely been so forcefully articulated. No wonder Mr Shultz's 30-minute lecture on democracy, accountability and responsibility in public life was listened to in church-like silence.

It was his day. It must have been sweet to him to hear repeated tributes to his wisdom after the long siege by zealots who chafed at the moderates in the State Department. He was somewhat uncomfortable in explaining why he allowed himself to be kept in the dark about the details of the Iran affair. But on the whole he has restored the primacy of his position and his department, scotching for the foreseeble future any more attempts by the discredited White House to take over foreign policy.

It was, however, more than just personal vindication. More important for America, his testimony brought back a sense of sanity and reality to a nation carried away by the passions and charisma of Colonel North. In a switch on previous assertions of patriotism and heroic behaviour, Senator Warren Rudman declared: "I do not believe that heroes are people who deceive their President . . . Real heroes are people who speak up to their President, make their views known and are willing to take great personal risks."

This change was probably easier because of the intervening testimony of Rear-Admiral John Poindexter. The hapless former National Security Adviser made a lamentable impression. Stiff, defensive and unapologetic, he either refused to explain or could not recall most of his actions. Indeed, his recollection appeared so faulty that the congressional committee pointedly wondered how it matched an old US Navy fitness report praising his "photographic memory".

Tanker limps to Kuwait after mine explosion

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

With her port side number one compartment still taking water from the morning's mine explosion against her hull, the 401,382-tonne supertanker Bridgeton limped on towards Kuwait last night, her speed cut by a quarter and her American naval escort commanders ready to use rifle fire from their frigates' bows to destroy further mines.

The prime but unprovable suspects behind the undersea mine are the Iranians whose Prime Minister, Mr Mir-Hussein Moussavi, yesterday praised the "invisible hands" which had proved "how vulnerable Americans are despite their huge and unprecedented military expedition in the Persian Gulf to escort Kuwaiti tankers".

Indeed, after the self-assured statements from the US Navy on Thursday night and the growing belief that the first American-escorted convoy up the Gulf might after all reach Kuwait unscathed, even America's Arab friends in the region last night were regarding the mining of the Bridgeton as a humiliation.

The Kuwaitis, together with Saudi and US personnel, had already cleared 12 mines from the 30-mile channel up to Kuwait's offshore oil loading terminal, it had been confidently announced, but the Bridgeton was struck by her mine 120 miles from her destination, 40 miles from the scene of any other such attacks and 18 miles from the Iranian island of Farsi, a base for Revolutionary Guard units and a launching point for previous Iranian speedboat attacks on tankers.

Small Iranian vessels, apparently fishing in the international waters south-east of Kuwait, had been observed in the area at dawn, but there had been no proof that they were involved in laying explosives.

When, therefore, the Bridgeton rammed the mine just before 7am, both her own crew and those of the three American warships escorting her together with the gas-carrier Gas Prince, were taken by surprise. The huge explosion – which could clearly be heard on board one of the US frigates, the Kidd, more than a mile away – almost threw the tanker's bridge crew off their feet and had the Kidd's commander ordering nine seamen to the bows of his vessel armed with M 14 rifles to shoot at any other suspicious objects.

Lieutenant Richard Vogel, on board the Bridgeton, radioed immediately to the Kidd: "We've been hit, we've been hit!" But he was able to establish at once that none of the 26 people on board the supertanker had been hurt, although the Bridgeton immediately dropped her speed from 16 to five knots. She was later able to increase her speed to 12 knots and continue towards Kuwait, although extensive inspection of her hull and internal compartments will now mean a delay of several days before she can load oil – even supposing the damage does not necessitate her sailing to dry dock in Bahrain or Dubai for repairs.

The US Gulf convoy schedules have thus already been disrupted, and the American naval commanders now have to decide whether to escort the smaller Gas Prince back to the Gulf of Oman alone or delay her passage until the Bridgeton is ready to sail.

In the immediate aftermath of the mining – probably not by coincidence – Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, chose to announce what he described as "a new policy of retaliation" whereby Iran would hit back at Iraq's Gulf allies if Iraq attacked Iran's "economic centres and installations".

Mr Rafsanjani's statement was also doubtless timed to coincide with today's meeting of Gulf Co-operation Council foreign ministers in Jeddah. Their deliberations will, in turn, focus on Iran's continuing interest in UN mediation in the Gulf war and the possible pressure that can be brought to bear on President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to halt further air attacks against Iran.

The Rafsanjani warning is therefore powerful medicine for the Arabs at a moment when the Gulf States had been regaining confidence in America's support for them.

Anti-terrorist police, above, dragging the hijacker of an Air Afrique DC 10 down the airliner steps. In a fierce struggle at Geneva airport the crew overpowered the Lebanese gunman while passengers, top, escaped down an emergency ramp. Swiss commandos then stormed the plane, which had been hijacked over northern Italy. A Frenchman, singled out and shot in the head by the hijacker, is carried from the aircraft, left. He died on the way to hospital. Officials said the gunman's demands included the release of Muhammad Ali Hamadei, who is being held in West Germany in connection with the hijacking of a TWA jet in 1985.

Genscher blames Iraq for starting Gulf War

From John England, Bonn

In his boldest statement so far on the Gulf War, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, yesterday said that Iraq was responsible for starting the conflict and criticized it for using poison gas.

The said the war was a "terrible" one and therefore it was natural that West Germany was doing everything it could to free the two old civilized nations from it. Herr Genscher's statement, made in a radio interview, came only a day after a visit to Bonn by Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, who said that the United Nations Security Council must brand Iraq as the aggressor before Iran would co-operate on the council's resolution calling for a ceasefire.

Herr Wolfgang Schäuble, the Bonn Chancellery Minister, later told Mr Kassim Ahmed Taki al-Uribi, the Iranian Minister for Heavy Industry, that West Germany maintained "a strictly neutral and balanced" position on the Gulf War. Bonn had good relations with both sides, he added, and wanted to contribute to an early end to the conflict.

Geneva arms talks

American demands upset Russians

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

The Soviet Union said yesterday that the United States was proposing "over-complicated" and unfair procedures for verifying the currently negotiated agreement on eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles.

Mr Alexei Obukov, the chief Russian delegate, said that while accord had virtually been reached in "all principal areas", including inspection measures, notifications and data exchange, differences remained on methods for implementation.

He said: "For example, the US side has proposed building certain constructions around some facilities, with TV cameras, complicated roadway patterns and weighbridges to ascertain the weight of some armaments and so forth."

Such arrangements would, in his view, "take years" to complete and, in effect, delay application of an agreement.

Mr Obukov also criticized American proposals under which US inspectors would have greater access to Soviet installations than their Russian counterparts could enjoy at Nato facilities in Western Europe. This was "a clear inequality".

A US official would only say of Mr Obukov's remarks: "Yes, we have been discussing some fairly elaborate verification arrangements."

● **BONN:** West Germany would be prepared, if necessary, to include its 72 Pershing 1A nuclear missiles in East-West negotiations on a disarmament treaty that would reduce the Warsaw Pact's capability to invade (John England writes).

A Defence Ministry spokesman, Colonel Horst Prayon, said yesterday that the fundamental question in Bonn's strategical considerations was not one of concern with particular weapons systems, but the maintenance of options for the security of West Germany as part of Nato.

The further existence of the Pershing 1A missiles could contribute to making the Soviet Union more flexible in reducing its invasion capability. He added: "If Moscow will reduce its threat potential, then we will have no more problems with the Pershings".

Herr Horst Ehmke, deputy chairman of the opposition Social Democratic Party's parliamentary group, said the Pershings had become the main stumbling block to a superpower agreement on Euromissiles that could achieve a breakthrough in East-West relations.

Thatcher sees agreement by end of year

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday voiced confidence that a nuclear arms control agreement would be achieved by the superpowers by the end of the year (Philip Webster writes).

She was optimistic that a solution would be found for the 72 Pershing 1A shorter-range missiles in West Germany which the Soviet Union wants eliminated. The issue would not be allowed to block an agreement, she said. In a BBC Television interview, she gave a far more enthusiastic welcome to the Gorbachov "double zero" offer than she had been able to do on Thursday in the Commons, when she had not seen the full details.

She again praised Mr Gorbachov for the "historic" things he was doing in the Soviet Union. "It is very courageous and I think he should be supported in the efforts he is making. He is a very vigorous debater and so am I and so, of course, we get on together. We each respect the other's views and so, in spite of our different views, there are certain things that we recognize are in the interest both of the Russian people and the British people, and all peoples in the free world."

Mellor accuses the Kremlin

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, yesterday described the Soviet demand that West Germany's Pershing 1A missiles be scrapped as "mischievous", adding that it was an impediment to an arms agreement.

Speaking on the BBC's *Today* programme, Mr Mellor said Moscow knew that the West was not prepared to include the 72 Pershing 1As in the talks because they belonged to West Germany, not the United States. "They know that what will be said throughout the West now is: 'Surely you are not going to let these 72 ageing missiles get in the way of a deal?' So they are being mischievous."

In Copenhagen, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, welcomed Mr Gorbachov's announcement on not retaining 100 medium-range missiles in Soviet Asia.

Delhi security gives tennis a sporting chance

From Gavin Bell
Delhi

The men with sub-machineguns in the watchtowers were tense and alert. Snipers on the rooftops scanned the huge compound as guard dogs paced nervously along the high perimeter wall. Then, suddenly, came a cry: "Anyone for tennis?"

The Davis Cup quarter-final match between India and Israel, which began in Delhi yesterday, was peculiar in several respects.

Firstly, it was a bit of a surprise to find the two teams, without a player in the top 25 world rankings between them, meeting at this advanced stage of the championship. All the more so in view of India's long-standing policy of avoiding playing Israel at anything. Since 1975, the Israelis have been banned from table tennis and athletics championships in India, and last year India refused to play them in a world junior tennis match in Hong Kong. This time its political stance carried the risk of a $10,000 (£6,250) fine and a three-year ban.

Then there was the security, unprecedented at a sporting event in India. The centre court of the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association in a southern suburb of the city had been transformed into a respectable likeness of an armed camp under siege. Four watchtowers had been erected in the grounds, which were enclosed by a 20 ft wall of corrugated iron, and the entire area had been sealed off to traffic.

For the handful of tennis enthusiasts not entitled to security passes, gaining entry was a bit like an East German asking for a sight-seeing trip to West Berlin. Even cigarette lighters were regarded as potential terrorist weapons, and had to be surrendered. Every time an Israeli moved, to fetch a glass of water or chat with a colleague, he was shadowed by a burly gentleman

Finally, there was the heat. Due to the late arrival of the summer monsoon, the temperature was above 40C.

The political and security considerations did not appear to disturb the Israelis, who said they were used to it, and anyway they hadn't played against anybody who recognized their country for six years. None of them was exposed to a brief demonstration by Palestinian and Arab students who had been persuaded by police batons and rifle-butts a few hours earlier to go and protest somewhere else.

As play began in the shadow of guns, one was given to reflect upon the fragility of international sport, assailed by the machinations of politicians and the insidious threat of terrorism, and upon its will to survive. To the delight of the home fans, young Ramesh Krishnan and the veteran Vijay Amritraj proceeded to dispose of their opponents in straight sets.

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Bologna bombing trial

Blackshirt defendant who sought to destroy the state

From Roger Boyes
Bologna

In the jungle stickiness of the Bologna courtroom, everyone is sweating apart from Signor Stefano Delle Chiaie.

He sits behind metal bars (Italian courts favour zoo cages for dangerous defendants) gives a cheerful Hitler salute to his neo-Fascist supporters — one waves a black handkerchief — and interrupts the judge again and again with a terrier bark.

"No, no that's not right at all," he insists — and does not sweat at all.

Signor Delle Chiaie, once described as the Carlos of world Fascism, accused of one of the worst terrorist outrages since the war, is a smart sort of chap, well-shaven, hair brushed forward, elegant jacket but no tie.

Ties, of course, are forbidden by the prison authorities lest the despairing defendant hang himself in his cell. Nothing, one hazards, could be further from the mind of Signor Delle Chiaie, a man who believes in powerful protectors. He may be right.

The courtroom is a short bus-ride from Bologna station, which nowadays teems with northerners going south and with Americans on culture safaris.

On August 2 1980, a bomb tore through the building killing 85 people and wounding almost 200. It was the bloodiest such attack in Europe for decades.

Signor Delle Chiaie, tracked down in Venezuela earlier this year and extradited to Italy, denies helping to organize the bombing.

What he does not deny — apart from those sharp corrections of detail as the judge reads out from the court papers — is an extraordinary career in the service of the Black International, a network of Fascist sympathizers who inhabit some European and South American secret services and who run drugs and arms-smuggling rackets to keep the flame alive.

It is a career crammed with action but the courtroom heat, the judge's dry cataloguing, the brum-brum of the air conditioning conspire against concentration.

Suddenly the 50-year-old accused blurts out: "I'm proud to have shaken his hand."

One's brain, temporarily absent, re-enters the room.

Signor Delle Chiaie: Has friends in high places.

Whose hand? "Klaus Barbie's," says a neighbouring spectator. Of course, Klaus Barbie.

Signor Delle Chiaie's fascist career began in the 1950s when he joined the Social Movement of Italy, the heirs of Italian Fascism.

The party swears loyalty to the Constitution and so cannot be banned. It is run by those who still regard Mussolini as a genius and captures about 6 per cent of the popular vote — not insignificant in Italian politics.

Nowadays, no government coalition broker even considers consulting the MSI; they are beyond the pale, the only political party not to be invited to the Queen's birthday party at the British Embassy.

Signor Delle Chiaie found it all too tame. He joined a militant Nazi group called Ordine Nuovo (motto "Our honour is in our loyalty", an old SS slogan) and then founded his own group, the National Avant Guard.

In 1967, Signor Delle Chiaie and colleagues travelled to the Colonels' Greece for training in guerrilla warfare.

His idea was to group mercenaries, young and old Fascists, sympathizers in the secret services and police forces and Nazis in exile into a kind of "Black International" that would be more than a welfare club for the extreme right. It would be a fighting organization.

"What we have to start with," he wrote in an open letter to his Italian comrades, "is the destruction of the state structure. And that has to look as if it is the work of communists and Maoists."

This became known as the "strategy of tension" and, to some degree, it appears to have been supported by members of the Italian secret service, at least in terms of diverting suspicion on left-wingers or anarchists (in plentiful supply in the late 1960s).

An explosion in 1969 at a bank in the Piazza Fontana in Milan killed 16 and wounded 90. The police, insisting that the bombing was a left-wing operation, rounded up anarchists, one of whom fell from a window in police headquarters. Another was held for three years before being freed.

Later, investigators found that two neo-Fascists had conspired with an Italian secret agent to create an atmosphere of terror. But the conviction came a full 10 years after the bombing.

Similar delays are evident in the Bologna case. At least partly they can be explained by Signor Delle Chiaie's extraordinary mobility. When Italy grew too hot for him in the early 1970s, he moved to Franco's Spain. There he helped the Fascist police to root out Eta, the Basque separatist guerrillas.

In Chile he helped General Pinochet build up his secret police. At the end of 1979 — some six months before the killing of Bishop Oscar Romero — Signor Delle Chiaie visited the head of El Salvador's death squad and proposed a blueprint for eliminating left-wingers.

By this time his reputation was spreading throughout South America. It surprised nobody when he emerged in Bolivia in 1980 when the military seized power. It was there that he met Klaus Barbie and was duly impressed.

At least one secret service man, now living in Switzerland, recently told the Italian press that he did not think Signor Delle Chiaie was behind the Bologna blast because "it was not his style".

Some style. Perhaps that explains Signor Delle Chiaie's confidence in court. Or perhaps it is the feeling that he will be shielded until the end.

When Signor Delle Chiaie was brought back in handcuffs from Venezuela, he promised to name names. So far that has not happened. His strength lies in this discretion, hinting at knowledge, but not revealing it. Nobody in Italy, certainly nobody in high places, wants to be unmasked as a Fascist sympathizer. One prosecutor, Signor Guido Calvi, has challenged the secret service to present a report of its investigation into the Bologna explosion.

"But perhaps," he declares tauntingly, "these reports don't exist because Delle Chiaie was or is one of them."

Boost for peasant plots

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The Soviet authorities are to consider increasing the number of livestock and acreage of land peasants are allowed to hold privately in an attempt to increase supplies of meat, fruit and vegetables. Up to one-third of all fruit and vegetables produced in the Soviet Union is believed to come from these so-called private plots, even though they constitute only a minute proportion of the total area of farmland.

The decision, which was announced after Thursday's regular meeting of the party Politburo, came less than a day after the publication of a Central Committee resolution highlighting the inadequacy of fruit and vegetable supplies to Russia's main cities, Moscow and Leningrad. The resolution noted that in many cases supplies were worse than last year and the selection smaller.

A week ago a Moscow newspaper revealed that one-third of the potatoes in state stores had rotted and additional supplies were being bought direct from farms outside Moscow

Reagan meets young Aids victim

President Reagan cradling a baby suffering from Aids during his visit to a Maryland hospital shortly after appointing a commission to investigate ways of combating the disease.

President promises action

From Charles Bremner, New York

President Reagan, who has been widely criticized for lack of attention to the Aids crisis, has named a national panel to assess the epidemic — but the inclusion of a prominent homosexual doctor and the Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of New York have provoked anger from right-wing politicians and homosexual groups.

To underline his new commitment to combating the disease, the President paid a highly publicized visit to a Maryland hospital ward shortly after announcing the creation of the commission

At the hospital he met four children with the disease. He held a 14-month-old black baby in his arms and handed out jars of jellybeans. "Let me just make a promise to those children and all others who have contracted this disease . . . We'll not rest till we've sent Aids the way of smallpox and polio," he said.

The 12-member commission, charged with developing a "full-fleshed strategy for battling Aids", is chaired by Dr William Mayberry, head of the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Its two most controversial members are Cardinal John O'Connor, the Archbishop of New York, and Dr Frank Lilly, a homosexual activist who is chairman of the department of genetics at the Albert Einstein College in New York's Bronx.

"The cardinal is a symbol for many gay people of hatred towards gay people," Mr Tom Stoddard, director of the Lambda Aids Fund in New York, said.

Russians meet in space station

From Mary Dejevsky
Moscow

The Soviet Soyuz TM 3 spacecraft with the first Syrian cosmonaut on board docked successfully with the orbiting space station Mir early yesterday.

Live pictures of Lieutenant-Colonel Muhammad Faris and his two Soviet colleages, Commander Alexander Viktorenko and Flight Engineer Alexander Alexandrov, were transmitted on Soviet television, but the actual docking was not shown.

Colonel Faris was seen smiling broadly as he was welcomed on board Mir by the two cosmonauts Alexander Laveikin and Yuri Romanenko who have been manning the station since February.

At a press conference in Moscow later, it was disclosed that Laveikin would be returning to Earth with the Soyuz crew next Wednesday. Alexandrov will replace him.

The deputy controller of the mission, Mr Viktor Blagov, said some irregularities had been observed in Laveikin's heartbeat.

Although Mr Blagov said that it was planned to provide regular replacements for crew staffing Mir — which is intended to be a permanently manned — Laveikin's return was not announced in advance and appears to have been a last minute decision.

According to Mr Blagov, a new and more accurate method of docking was used this time which obviated the need for the space station to be manoeuvred into position.

● **PEKING:** The scientific experiments of two Chinese students, Mr Wang Nianqing and Mr Tian Chunliang, both aged 17, will travel by container into outer space on board the 1988 American Space Shuttle, according to New China News Agency (AFP reports). The experiments — collecting space dust and solidifying liquid mixtures — were selected from 7,000 proposals. The students are the first to participate in a programme organized by the Chinese Society of Astronautics and the American Association for the Promotion of Science in China.

Beatles file compact disc claim

From Charles Bremner
New York

Ringo Starr, George Harrison and Yoko Ono, widow of John Lennon, have filed a $40 million (£25 million) law suit in New York against the Beatles' former record company, claiming that it had tried to punish them for a drawn-out legal battle by delaying the release of their recordings on compact disc.

In their action, filed in the Manhattan Supreme Court, the two former Beatles, Yoko Ono and their defunct company, Apple, allege that Capitol Records and its British parent company, EMI, held up the compact disc release in the United States for two years to try to force them to drop a long-standing claim over royalties.

They are also demanding the return of the master tapes of their 1960s' albums. Paul McCartney, the fourth Beatle, has not joined in the suit, although it includes him as a claimant.

The compact disc versions of Beatles' hits went to the top of the record charts when they were first released in the US in February, three years after Capitol had begun releasing compact disc versions of other artists' 1960s' hits.

Mr Marks has been waging a battle for eight years to win about $50 million in damages from Capitol for what the claimants say was an attempt to camouflage the sale of 19 million copies of *Abbey Road* and other record albums by claiming they were scrapped, so denying them royalties.

As well as alleging delay in releasing the compact discs, the claimants say Capitol deprived them of royalties by charging 25 per cent of the price of the discs for "packaging" when the true cost was one sixth of that.

Colombo offers an amnesty for guerrillas who disarm

By Our Foreign Staff

A senior Sri Lankan government minister yesterday held out an olive branch to Tamil guerrillas who have opposed the terms of the proposed settlement to end the four-year conflict.

Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, the National Security Minister, said that guerrilla groups would be covered by an all-embracing amnesty.

Asked whether Mr Vellupillai Prabhakaran, leader of the largest Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, would be allowed to return to take up normal civilian life, he said: "Yes, why not? We would love him to join the mainstream of politics. Anything he does for the ballot will be allowed."

The amnesty would take effect as soon as the groups handed over weapons to a civilian authority to be designated by the Government, possibly with Indian observers. He emphasized that the agreement would be between the Sri Lankan and Indian governments. The guerrillas would not be signatories.

He said that all groups except the Liberation Tigers had welcomed the proposed deal, which involves merging the island's Eastern and Northern provinces, creating a semi-autonomous region peopled by Tamils, Sinhalese and Muslims.

"The people of Jaffna welcome it. The people of the Eastern Province are prepared to accept it. But the signals I get from the LTTE are quite contrary. There are some groups in the LTTE which are saying Eelam or nothing," he said. The group has demanded the creation of a separate Tamil state.

Asked how the Government planned to persuade the Sinhalese, who make up a third of the population of the Eastern Province, to accept a merger with the north, he said: "I think we will have to appeal to reason rather than emotion. Those who oppose it must come up with an alternative. We must realize that there is no military solution."

He said the agreement could be settled almost immediately. "I am not talking of months and weeks. I am talking of days, if not hours."

"Let me tell you that once the momentum starts going, and it has begun, the whole thing could be wrapped up very quickly. Possibly much faster than you or anyone at this moment thinks."

While some commentators have said that the draft agreement would effectively treat the two merged states as a Tamil homeland, the minister said it carefully avoided using that word. "I think it is a proper, honorable compromise, which accepts facts as they are. It doesn't go into words which cause other consequences," he said.

But he added that it recognized that the Tamils had a distinct identity.

The agreement envisages a referendum being held in the Eastern Province by the end of next year. There has been comment that the referendum might result in the Eastern Province's voters undermining a successful solution. The Minister said: "It (the referendum) is part of the solution."

A further fear has been that the Tamils might renege if the referendum went against their wishes.

Tamils predict an early peace deal

From Gavin Bell, Delhi

Tamil leaders have reinforced hopes of a settlement of the four-year-old civil war in Sri Lanka by predicting that two peace agreements may be signed in Colombo next week.

Officials of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the main guerrilla group on the island, said the draft autonomy and co-operation agreements would be finalized shortly in Delhi, before being signed in the Sri Lankan capital.

Mr Vellupillai Prabhakaran, the organization's chief commander, flew to Delhi last night to discuss the accords with Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister.

President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka said earlier that he hoped to finalize a solution within two weeks, and Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, the National Security Minister, said peace was "knocking at the door".

The apparent breakthrough follows a flurry of diplomatic activity between emissaries of the Indian and Sri Lankan governments and representatives of the minority Tamil community which has been campaigning for a separate state in the north of the island. More than 5,000 people have been killed and almost 150,000 Tamils have sought refuge in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu since the violence began in earnest almost exactly four years ago.

Informed sources say the main agreement provides for a linking of the Northern and Eastern provinces under a single autonomous council, and recognition of the Tamils as a distinct nationality with equal rights.

Directors fight to keep their films unaltered

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Many of the world's leading film-makers are among more than 500 signatories to a manifesto issued at the end of Barcelona's new film festival emphasizing a "moral right" that their creations reach the public as they were conceived.

Fred Zinnemann, who attended the festival, described the "Barcelona Manifesto" as of great importance "for the battle which now begins".

The colouring of film classics originally made in black and white, the alterations due to dubbing, and the cutting and mutilation of film sequences or scripts are among the problems which the film directors who signed most want overcome. They also are against practices such as interrupting their films with advertising when shown on television.

Among the famous directors who signed along with Mr Zinnemann, are Woody Allen, Bernardo Bertolucci, Robert Bresson, Costa Gavras, Frederico Fellini, Akira Kurosawa, Claude Lelouch, Sidney Lumet, Louis Malle, Paul Newman, Brian de Palma, Roman Polanski, Karel Reisz, Alain Resnais, Ettore Scola, Martin Scorsese, and Bertrand Tavernier.

The declaration emphasizes the need to protect the authors' rights against manipulation for commercial reasons. European directors at a symposium during the festival said film-makers' rights were totally unprotected.

On Thursday the "Europa Prize" of this first Barcelona festival, a new venture based on the former Barcelona Film Weeks, went to Marion Hansel, a 38-year-old Belgian woman director, for *Les Noces Barbares*, based on the 1985 Goncourt Prize novel of the same name. It is worth about £150,000. The British entry, *Closed Circuit*, by Nicholas Granby, won the best short film prize.

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Massacre at Homoine

Survivors relive horror of the brutal attack on Mozambique town

From Michael Hornsby, Inhambane, Mozambique

"They kicked down the door of my hut, came in and started shooting. Three women who had taken shelter with me were all killed. One of them had a baby on her back. The baby was killed as well. The attackers went from house to house shooting."

The speaker, Mr Ringi Taimu, an old man with grizzled white hair, was one of the survivors of what Mozambique authorities say was a massacre of at least 386 civilians a week ago at the small town of Homoine, 18 miles west of here by road and ferry.

Mr Taimu, his right leg shattered by a bullet, was one of 49 seriously injured men, women and children brought to the provincial hospital in Inhambane from Homoine over the past week, according to Mr Marcos Macauza, a male nurse who was on duty late on July 18 when the first casualties started to arrive.

I also saw an 11-year-old girl in a coma with a bullet wound in the back of her head, and an eight-year-old girl with an open skull wound apparently inflicted by a knife, possibly a bayonet. Mr Macauza said that most of those who had been shot had been hit in the back, presumably while fleeing from their assailants.

The Mozambicans claim the killings and shootings were the work of "armed bandits" of Renamo, the Mozambique National Resistance, an insurgent movement allegedly armed and assisted by the South Africans.

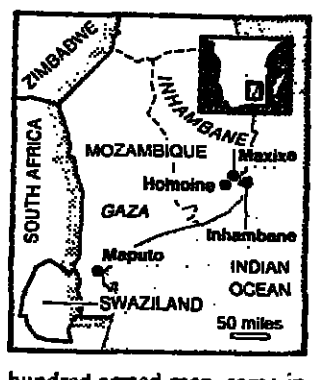
After visiting Homoine on Thursday, Mr Mario Machungo, the Prime Minister of Mozambique, told foreign reporters that his Government had information that Renamo "have just been supplied by the South Africans in this province. They have got more weapons and materials."

According to *Noticias*, Maputo's main daily newspaper — which on Thursday published gruesome pictures of what it said were massacre victims — parachute drops of weapons to the insurgents in Inhambane province were made by South Africa two months ago.

These claims have provoked vigorous denials from the South African Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which issued a statement taking "strong exception to this deliberate attempt by the Mozambican Government to destroy relations between South Africa and Mozambique".

Under a non-aggression pact signed in March 1984, Pretoria and Maputo undertook not to give military aid to guerrillas fighting to overthrow their governments.

A common thread of the accounts of some 10 survivors of the massacre, interviewed by myself and other foreign reporters, was that several hundred armed men, some in uniform and some in civilian clothes, attacked Homoine around dawn on July 18, shooting as they moved from house to house.



All the survivors, including a member of the local militia, one of about 80 or 90 men who had been manning defensive trenches at the time of the attack, said the armed men entered Homoine's 80-bed hospital and shot dead many patients, among them old people and pregnant women.

One woman said the attackers spoke in the Ndau dialect, and shouted: "We have come to finish off the people of President Machel." Most of the Renamo leadership and many of its rank and file members are Ndau-speakers.

The most graphic and detailed independent eye-witness account of the attack on Homoine is that of Mr Mark van Koevering, an American agronomist from Michigan and a member of the Mennonite Church, who is working in the area on a seed multiplication project.

Mr van Koevering was staying at a small guest house in the town when he heard gunfire at about 5.45am. He looked out of the window and saw tracer bullets lighting up the sky over the town.

"I saw 40 or 50 armed troops coming down the street. At first I thought they were probably soldiers from Homoine because they had uniforms and were very well equipped. But they were shooting every person and building in sight." The attackers, he said, "had very new clothes, camouflage uniforms, including boots, and I don't know what kind of guns, but they looked new. They came in one group with a bearded man in front leading, and directing his people down different streets."

As the fighting became fiercer, Mr van Koevering took shelter with others in a room in the back yard of the guest house. They did not venture out until about 3pm "after it had been quiet for about half an hour". They found six or seven women who had all been shot dead, lying in a group.

Mr van Koevering said he had no doubt the killers were Renamo insurgents. "I think it is important, especially for Americans, to realize that this is not a civil war. These people are not fighting for any ideal. They're fighting to create terror."

The massacre occurred at a time of intense debate in Washington over whether to lend support to Renamo. Republican senators have held up the appointment of Miss Melissa Wells as America's next Ambassador to Mozambique for more than eight months because of her criticism of the insurgents.

Whether the Homoine massacre was on the scale claimed is at least open to question. No foreign newsmen have yet been able to visit the site of the massacre because Mozambique has been unable to provide military escorts. There is so far only the word of Government officials for the number of dead, who have now been buried in the cemetery at Homoine, some of them in a mass grave. But there can be little doubt that a massacre took place.

Another head for a royal household

The Duke and Duchess of York displaying their stetsons at Medicine Hat yesterday.

From Alan Hamilton
Head-Smashed-In
Buffalo Jump, Alberta

Future generations of servants charged with the housework of the royal apartments may well come to curse the first wedding anniversary of the Duke and Duchess of York every time they have to dust the buffalo.

The three-foot-high stuffed head of a monstrously ugly and wildly hairy beast was presented to the royal couple on Thursday when the Duke officially opened a museum at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump in southern Alberta, a leading historical location designated by Unesco as a world heritage site.

Weighing 60 lbs, the stuffed head was the only mortal remains of a 12-year-old bull buffalo which weighed half a ton on the hoof and which was ritually slaughtered two years ago by Peigan Indians on a nearby reserve.

When it was presented by Chief Peter Yellowhorn, the Duchess was instantly captivated, saying she would call it "Andrew" and hang it behind the door.

She did not say which door, and Andrew could indeed present a problem. His natural home would be the country air of Balmoral, but he would outshine all the stags' heads; he is far too big for Chideock, the couple's rented home in Dorset, and besides they are hardly ever there. His resting place may well be the gloomy bowels of Buckingham Palace, the capacious repository of the curious spoils from five generations of royal tours.

When Europeans first arrived in the New World there were an estimated 60 million buffalo roaming the plains of North America, and it was believed that the herds were so vast that no amount of hunting would ever eradicate them. Thanks to the white man's introduction of horse and rifle, they have been pursued almost to extinction.

Before the native Indians even had the bow and arrow, they killed buffalo for meat by driving herds over steep cliffs. The site visited by the Duke and Duchess is believed to have been used for the purpose since before Stonehenge or the Pyramids were built. It takes its name from a 19th-century incident when a young brave, curious to see how the buffalo fell, waited at the bottom of the cliff but was in the wrong place when the first of the herd plunged on top of him from the ridge 100 ft above.

The royal couple — accompanied by Mr William Bigbull, a professional guide and Peigan Indian in full feathered rig — toured the museum, built like a nuclear bunker into the hillside and covered with grass *to preserve the uninterrupted skyline of the endless plains* and the hazy view of the Rockies 50 miles to the west.

The Duchess showed interest when told that pemmican was *still* made from buffalo meat and was enjoyed by older members of the tribe, while the Duke showed astonishment when told that a whole herd of several hundred animals could be persuaded over the cliff by only two braves funneling them into a narrow channel with the scents of buffalo and coyote skins.

Outside the museum a crowd of several thousand cheered the Duke and Duchess and shouted "Happy Anniversary", probably unaware that the Duchess was sporting the going-away dress she wore after her wedding last year. There was disappointment, however, that the royal couple, who were running behind schedule, did not tour an Indian tepee village that had been set up in an adjoining field.

Earlier in the day, the Duchess caused a mild sensation by arriving at the Medicine Hat rodeo dressed in a bright green Buffalo Bill suede jacket and matching green boots, her hair plaited and ribboned in the style of an Indian squaw. The Duke, seemingly less keen to enter into the spirit of the day, stuck to his Savile Row, dark grey, double-breasted suit, which looked spectacularly out of place among a crowd where the dress code definitely lays down clean jeans with nice-edged creases, lumberjack shirts and stetsons.

Before entering the arena, the Duke was persuaded to change into a restrained western jacket with leather patches but no frills, and the pair were presented with a stetson each, which they wore as they stood on a dais in the middle of the dirt arena to declare the rodeo open. The Duchess seemed every bit at home, as though she were in the King's Road on a Saturday afternoon, but the Duke looked as though he felt faintly silly.

Throughout the wild horse races and bucking bronco contests, the couple showed *little obvious enthusiasm for* the event, as though afraid that animal rights lobbyists, already alerted to the fact that they had been given gifts of fur coats in Alberta, were ready to pounce again on the question of cruelty to horses.

Animal liberationists would have had a field day in the fairground behind the main rodeo stadium, which the royal couple did not see. Beyond the Mormon Church stall selling hamburgers and root beer, and the pig-racing track, the main attraction was a bank of slot machines containing live animals. Inserting a coin flashed a light which made a hen play noughts and crosses, a duck strum a guitar, and a rabbit fire a toy cannon, all by Pavlovian reaction, with a reward of food each time.

Out in Andrew the buffalo's part of the world, it sure is still red-neck country.

The casual soldier wins battle of berets

Tel Aviv (Reuter) — The Israeli Army has admitted defeat in an eight-year battle to force its soldiers, known for their casual appearance, to smarten up by wearing berets.

The Army said that from Sunday soldiers would be allowed to carry the berets folded beneath their left epaulette, except during parades, official interviews and public events.

Nuclear test

Moscow (Reuter) — The Soviet Union conducted an underground nuclear explosion in Siberia, Tass said.

Rampant pigs

Peking (Reuter) — Wild pigs are running rampant in the paddy fields of southern Jianxi province because the South China tigers that used to eat them are being killed off by illegal hunting.

Rhine suits

The Hague (Reuter) — The Netherlands Government and private firms are demanding £1.5 million damages from the Swiss chemical company Sandoz after last year's Rhine pollution disaster.

Tests halted

Washington (AFP) — Testing of an advanced medium-range air-to-air missile has been suspended after it failed seven times in 30 test firings, the Defence Department said.

Killer dies

Angola, Louisiana (AP) — Willie Watson, aged 30, has been executed in the electric chair for the rape and murder of a medical student.

Flying on

The Hague (Reuter) — Nato's first woman combat pilot, Ms Nelly Speerstra of The Netherlands, can continue training on fighter bombers despite earlier problems with the course, the Defence Ministry said.

Peace talks

Tegucigalpa (Reuter) — Honduras plans to host a meeting of foreign ministers next week to discuss a new peace plan for Central America.

Heat toll

Athens (Reuter) — More than 100 people have now died in a mid-summer heatwave in Greece in the past five days, hospital sources said.

Costa Rica police get new image

From Martha Honey
San José

President Arias of Costa Rica has announced reforms to demilitarize the country's security and police forces, including doing away with military ranks and terminology, new "peace" uniforms, creation of an integrated security council under the authority of the presidency and improved training to instil the concept of the police as a peacekeeping force.

In a national television address on Thursday night, President Arias also declared that December 1 will be a national holiday to celebrate the abolition of Costa Rica's armed forces. The Army was abolished in 1948 and the creation of a new one is prohibited in the Constitution.

But in recent years the 10,000-man police and security forces have increasingly resembled an army. The US resumed military aid in Costa Rica in 1981. This has included training by US special forces, military-style uniforms, modern communication systems and upgrading of the national arsenal.

President Arias said it was necessary to redevelop "the concept of a non-military Costa Rican police force". Several countries, including Britain, Japan, Holland, Spain and the US, would be approached to help in improved training for the police force.

Banzai cheers hail Mrs Hulda Crooks, a 91-year-old American grandmother, as fellow climbers congratulate her after she reached the peak of the 12,500 ft Mount Fuji yesterday morning. She is the oldest woman to conquer the highest mountain in Japan (AFP reports from Oyama). Mrs Crooks, from Loma Linda, California, reached the flat-topped summit at 4.40am, in time to see the sunrise.

Afterwards she seemed very excited and said: "I shall challenge again." She won the title "Grandma Whitney" after becoming the oldest person to climb Mount Whitney, 14,495ft, the highest mountain in the contiguous United States. Mrs Crooks took two days to make the climb accompanied by a doctor friend, a fellow climber, Mr Bill Andres, and 10 others. Until this week the oldest woman to make the climb was aged 90. The oldest man to complete the climb was 99.

Kremlin warns Israelis

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

The Soviet Union has given Israel a strongly-worded warning against continued development of a top-secret missile, which American sources say can carry a nuclear warhead from here to the Black Sea.

The caution, on Radio Moscow's Hebrew service, said the Jericho II missile posed a direct threat to the Soviet Union and would interfere with the superpower arms negotiations in Geneva.

There was, however, no official Israeli reaction yesterday to the broadcast. A government spokesman said: "We have nothing to say because it is ridiculous to assume that *Israel* has the power or intention to threaten the Soviet Union with missiles or anything else."

As far as any nuclear capacity is concerned, the official used what has become Israel's traditional form of words on the subject. "We would not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East," he said.

This week the Geneva-based *International Defence Review* quoted United States sources as saying that Israel had successfully fired a Jericho II missile more than 500 miles into the Mediterranean in May. This was twice the distance of previous tests, the sources said, and its maximum range is projected to be as much as 900 miles

Fierce fighting in Burmese rebel area

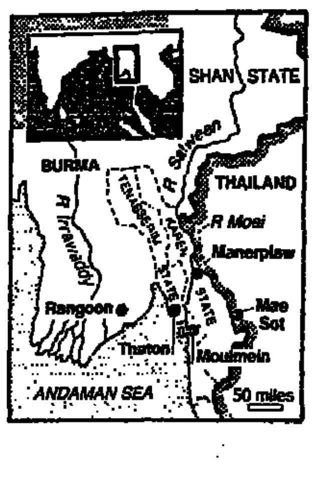
From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

The Burmese Army and Karen rebels have been engaged in fierce fighting in several districts west of the Thai border. Exact casualty figures are not known but are reported to be considerable on both sides.

In some places the Karens, caught off guard by the government forces, suffered badly; elsewhere they are said to have "mauled" three Burmese battalions after surrounding them.

Military analysts say that Rangoon fears the Karens are preparing hit-and-run guerrilla attacks on Moulmein, the most important city in the area.

The main centre of military activity has been the district of Thaton, north of Moulmein, where according to Western relief workers and medical teams, Burmese soldiers have been committing the worst atrocities of their long conflict with the Karen rebels.



They described the incidents as "more brutal and mindless than those in the past". They said that at least 30 civilians, some of them women and children, had been murdered without apparent reason.

Four villages were burned down, and all food stored in the district was taken away or destroyed by the Burmese soldiers, leaving the local people nothing to eat.

Many more could have died. Some of those who did were tortured before being shot or beaten to death.

There are also claims that captured Karen guerrillas were killed when the Burmese found it would be too difficult to take them away as prisoners.

The voluntary workers from Western churches and medical groups, who deliver humanitarian aid to Karen refugees inside Thailand, say they are sending details of the atrocities to Amnesty International

They say that past claims by refugees of Burmese mistreatment have generally been confirmed.

Karen leaders say that the Burmese troops are so badly paid and fed that in compensation they are permitted to rob, loot and rape at will.

Military analysts on the border and in Bangkok say the Burmese Army is more active this wet season than in previous years.

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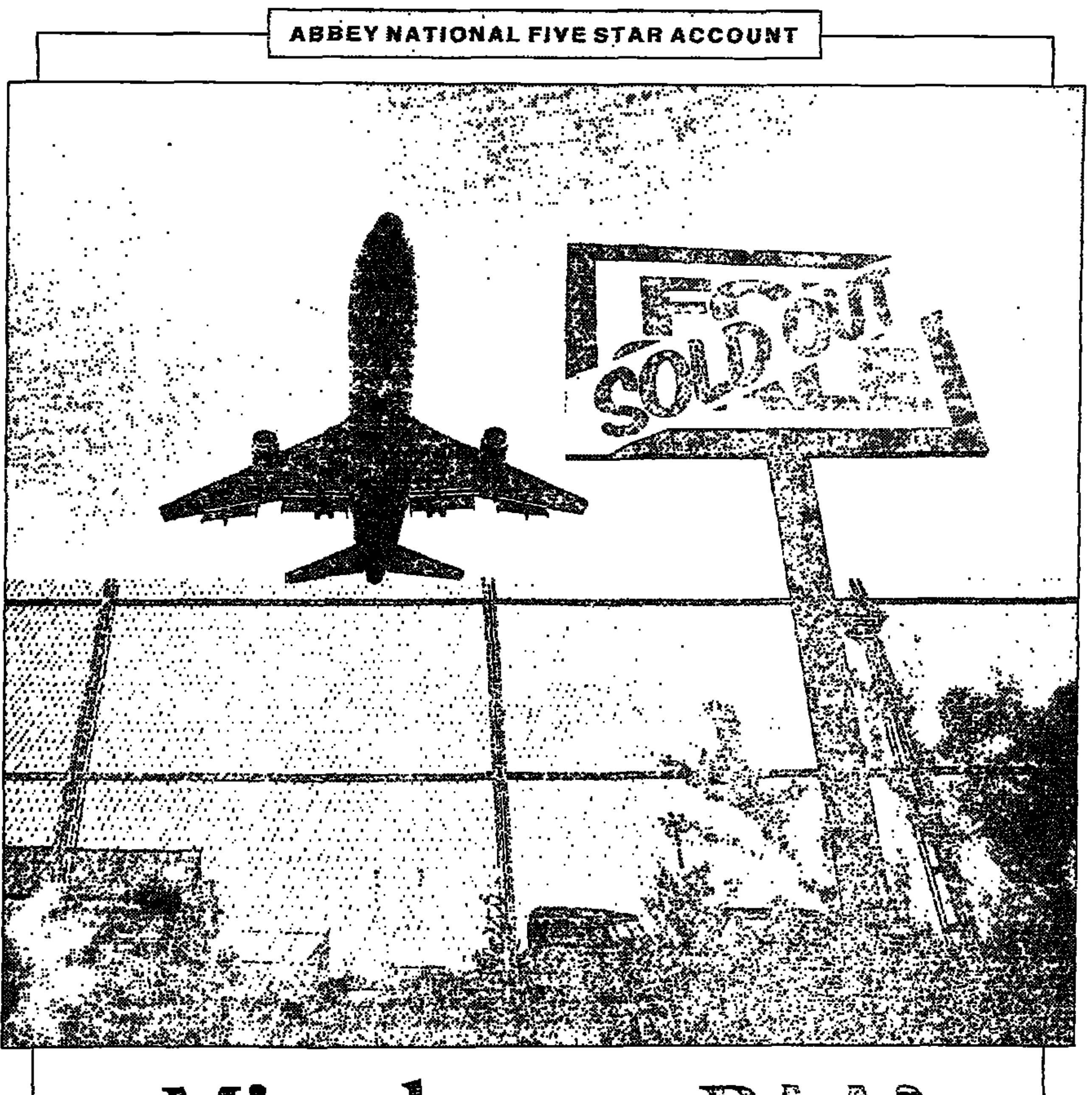

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Simon Barnes

Many fell swoops

I firmly believe that the expression "golfing nutcase" is a tautology, but even among golfers it seems there are degrees of insanity. Tony Kent and Iain Williamson are a case in point. They are planning a golf match, of one hole only. But it will be of 7,200 yards. They will tee off from the summit of Fairfield in the Lake District, at 2,863ft above sea level, and finish in a hole set in the grounds of the Bishop of Carlisle's house at Rydal Park. The course passes through the summit of Great Rigg Man, Heron Pike and Nab Scar, and includes 300 ft of ascent as well as 2,900ft of descent. Kent and Williamson will be escorted by a team of 40 to keep the score, clear the course and find the balls. They are allowed only one club, a six-iron, and may not do practise rounds beforehand. It's all in aid of Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue who, I suspect, might be called out to save two totally demented golfers.

Last drive

Let us not think, by the way, that conventional golf is a gentle game that could do us a power of good. In America, around 16,000 people are injured on the golf course every year. In one weekend in Britain, nine people collapsed on golf courses — four of them fatally. And at one course near Dundee, three people have collapsed and died — all at the eighth hole.

○ The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot today is, I think, just about the most interesting race of the season, and my racing snout has come up with an interesting each-way tip: the German horse Acatenango, 18-1 as I write.

No rest

You would expect a bunch of top snooker players to play 10-over cricket matches solely for laughs, but not a bit of it. When Steve Davis led a side in a Cathay Pacific promotion last week he played with the competitive determination you associate with the man in full flow around the snooker table. The moral: to a sportsman, no game is ever a trivial pursuit: winning is always worthwhile. Davis's men triumphed the four-sided tournament, beating Jimmy White's team in the final.

Running order

Which sport has most people dying to take it up? The Sports Council has been running a television campaign, and here is the top ten of Britain's most wanted sports, the figures being the number of follow-up queries: 1, football, 16,857; 2, swimming, 15,023; 3, martial arts, 6,650; 4, tennis, 6,492; 5, badminton, 5,892; 6, cricket, 5,443; 7, athletics, 5,024; 8, squash, 3,158; 9, running, 2,941; 10, judo, 2,910. The overlap between some categories represents the callers' own vagueness.

Rearguard

I hear of a more than peculiar batting achievement as my search for astounding cricketing feats continues. Bob Tillard writes to tell me that when playing for the Royal Greenjackets Depot against a touring side from Wales, he was involved in a first wicket stand of 103 — of which his own share was 100. "The other opener, Sergeant Johns, was a good defender, but without scoring shots," Tillard recalls. Incidentally, last week's remarkable match, which featured a stumping off a wide, prompted some letters asking if you really can be out in this way. Well, from a wide you can be out stumped, hit wicket, run out, handled the ball and for obstructing the field: Law 25.7. As a wicketkeeper myself, a stumping off a wide represents a lifetime's ambition.

Royal court

Tennis has been cramping the Royal Shakespeare Company's style, and the local tennis club therefore finds that it has made a match with such a wrangler that all the courts will be disturbed. The RSC has turned the tennis balls to gunstones, in short, and has given the Stratford Tennis Club notice to quit its premises, which are to be turned into a car park. The club, which has 105 full members and 150 juniors, has acquired a new site across the river but must raise £100,000 to pay for it. The exchanges with the RSC have in fact been amicable and the theatre has paid £500 group membership for actors and staff.

BARRY FANTONI

'Surprisingly, quite a long sentence'

How to avoid another Wright fiasco

by Andrew Lownie

Iain Macleod used to say that every time he asked the Labour government to choose its weapons it picked boomerangs. The same could be said of the present administration's handling of the Peter Wright affair.

Two questions now need to be asked. How damaging is *Spycatcher* and can the government's actions be justified in attempting to suppress it?

It is easy to dismiss the book for it is full of errors of fact and interpretation;it is badly structured, full of grammatical errors and poorly indexed. It is also apparent that Wright's collaborator, Paul Greengrass, has had to interpret Wright's material.

Wright tells us at some length of Khrushchev's vanity and how he parted his hair — but Khrushchev was bald. He says that Alister Watson, a suspected Soviet agent, failed to gain a fellowship, though a simple check would have revealed that Watson was a fellow of King's College, Cambridge, between 1933 and 1939. He also describes the MI5 agent in the 1938 Woolwich arsenal case as Joan Gray, when the standard books on the subject all call her Olga Gray.

Such errors do not inspire confidence in a book which purports to tell us the truth about the workings of MI5 and which relies on detail as the means by which this will be achieved. Much of *Spycatcher's* contents are certainly in the public domain as Mr Justice Powell pointed out in his summing up in Australia last year; indeed many of the stories have already been revealed in Chapman Pincher's books, particularly *Their Trade is Treachery*, for which Wright was a major source.

What is important however, is that never before have the "trade craft" — the way operations were organized — and "housekeeping" — detailed operational procedure — for various operations, especially the Berlin Tunnel operation, been given in such detail. Intelligence officers are named often quite gratuitously (Sir John Cuckney, chairman of Westland, is supposed to have been Wright's MI5 training officer).

A number of intelligence officers claim that certain information, for example on signals intelligence methodology, is still sensitive. They say the Russians could find it invaluable for damage assessment and that it might, by betraying operational methodology, still place future operations at risk.

While the British newspapers have dwelt at some length on Wright's allegations about MI5's attempts to "destabilize" the Wilson government, the subject is dealt with in very few pages. Far more important and embarrassing are the revelations that MI5 bugged various embassies and conferences and that at one point there was talk of assassinating President Nasser of Egypt. Indeed a startling point to emerge is that MI5 was reading the Egyptian cypher in the London embassy throughout the Suez crisis and knew that the Russians knew they were. Wright concludes the Russians wanted the British to read the signals of their resolve in the crisis correctly.

Likewise, while much attention in the press has been devoted to the question of whether or not Sir Roger Hollis was a Soviet agent, few commentators have noticed the far more important revelations made about Charles "Dickie" Ellis, an MI6 officer who admitted passing information to the Germans during the Second World War and who is generally assumed to have worked also for the Russians.

It is not just the disclosures that have been made in the Peter Wright affair that have been of interest but also the manner in which they have unfolded. In particular a very effective orchestrated campaign has been run by some journalists and Labour MPs to keep the book in the news. While ostensibly raising questions about the accountability of the intelligence services, they have revealed information that is not, and never was in Wright's book. It is perhaps no coincidence they have also succeeded in embarrassing the government.

Clearly a more consistent and effective system is needed to deal with the growing numbers of former intelligence officers who intend to supplement their pensions by writing their "candid autobiographies." It seems unlikely however that the government will adopt the American system of a publications review board, which requires officers to submit their manuscript for vetting.

The system seems to have worked well in the United States, enabling scores of former CIA officers to write accounts of their careers without endangering national security. If such a procedure had been adopted even informally with *Spycatcher* the government might well have avoided the embarrassment of some of it's disclosures and prevented Wright from going for bust.

Having taken its stand it would be unfortunate if the government did not now introduce the reforms that many argue are in both the interests of the intelligence services and the country as a whole.

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Hermione Parker explains how a poll tax could hit the young

The great jobs robbery

The poll tax proposal is the latest manifestation of a delusion that is fast turning Britain into a nation of paupers — a term used here to mean a person who has lost his or her economic independence and whose living standard depends more on public handouts than on personal effort.

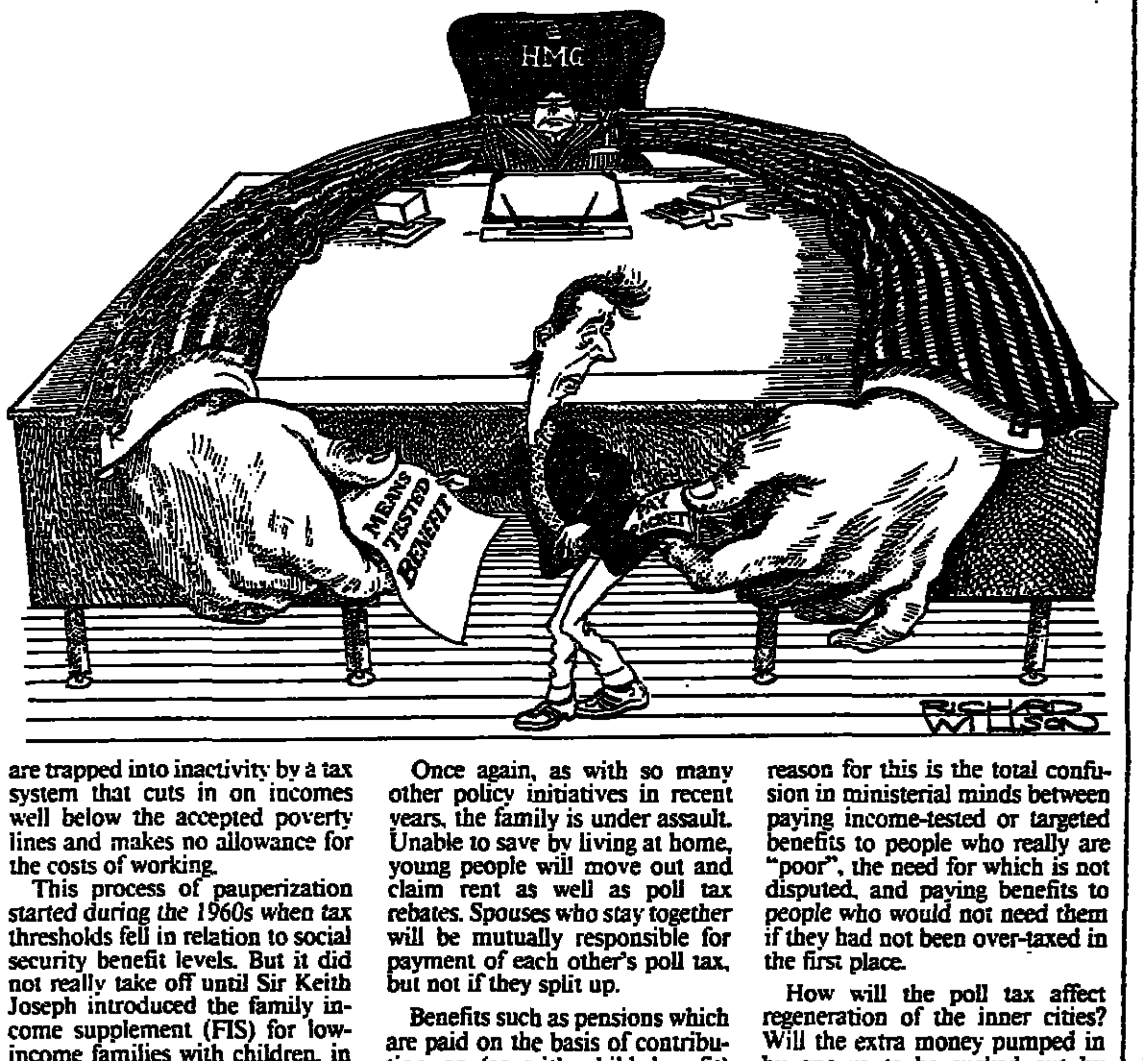
The delusion is the widespread belief that taxation of incomes below the poverty levels laid down by Parliament can be rendered harmless provided that "the poor" are able to claim rebates. The poll tax will extend the resulting tax-induced poverty trap to a previously unaffected but particularly vulnerable section of the community — young, single people entering the regular job market.

Despite its manifold disadvantages, means-tested welfare can never be dispensed with entirely. But there is a world of difference between using means-tested or income-tested benefits to bolster the living standards of people whose incomes started off below the poverty line and pauperizing people whose incomes would otherwise be sufficient, charging them tax they cannot afford to pay and then expecting them to claim the tax back through all manner of income-tested benefits. First they are robbed of their earnings and then of their self- esteem.

People forced into welfare dependency develop new attitudes. For the young in particular it can become a way of life. All too quickly they get the feeling that honesty and hard work are a fool's game. Survival entails learning to milk the system. With some benefits, housing benefit for instance, and presumably the new poll tax rebate, claimants are supposed to report every income change immediately. Of course this regulation cannot be enforced. As one overworked official told me: "Thank God they *don't* report every change — the system would break down."

By 1983 an estimated 14 million people, about one quarter of the population, were living in families receiving supplementary benefit, housing benefit or family income supplement. How can this be in one of the world's richest countries, allegedly booming?

The politician's answer is that Britain has a kindly government, anxious to target benefits on "the poor". But nothing could be further from the truth. Most of the working families receiving income-tested benefits are paying much more in income tax, national insurance contribution and local authority rates than they are receiving in benefit. Most families receiving supplementary benefit are trapped into inactivity by a tax system that cuts in on incomes well below the accepted poverty lines and makes no allowance for the costs of working.



This process of pauperization started during the 1960s when tax thresholds fell in relation to social security benefit levels. But it did not really take off until Sir Keith Joseph introduced the family income supplement (FIS) for low-income families with children, in 1971. It is significant that when FIS was introduced, the income level at which a two-child family paid more in income tax than it received in *family allowance* was 86 per cent of the FIS prescribed amount. Today it is only 65 per cent, and for a four-child family it is only 52 per cent.

Those figures do not include national insurance contribution or local authority rates. Rates are unpopular for reasons that are well documented, but by comparison with a poll tax they have two advantages. They are related to ability to pay, albeit tenuously, and they do not affect young people newly at work and still living with their parents. Because these young people do not have to pay full rent or rates they are prepared to work for low, trainee wages, even though they may not be much better off than on the dole. If the poll tax is introduced, the parents will have to choose between paying the tax themselves or advising their young to claim rebates and get caught in the welfare loop.

Once again, as with so many other policy initiatives in recent years, the family is under assault. Unable to save by living at home, young people will move out and claim rent as well as poll tax rebates. Spouses who stay together will be mutually responsible for payment of each other's poll tax, but not if they split up.

Benefits such as pensions which are paid on the basis of contribution or (as with child benefit) citizenship carry no stigma and involve minimal bureaucratic hassle. Nor do they involve the same high marginal tax rates as means-tested benefits. By next year working people receiving family credit (replacement of FIS) or the new housing benefit will be lucky if they gain 20p out of each extra pound earned, and the poll tax rebate is unlikely to have a lower taper.

Each time a new means-tested benefit is introduced, either the withdrawal tapers on the overall package have to be increased, in which case the amount gained by the claimant out of an additional pound earned or saved goes down, or the numbers of people caught in the tax/benefit trap goes up. This is an arithmetical imperative from which there is no escape.

Today we have a government that prides itself on reviving the virtues of enterprise and thrift, yet for a large and growing class of welfare claimants it is doing more than any government before it to destroy those virtues. The main reason for this is the total confusion in ministerial minds between paying income-tested or targeted benefits to people who really are "poor", the need for which is not disputed, and paying benefits to people who would not need them if they had not been over-taxed in the first place.

How will the poll tax affect regeneration of the inner cities? Will the extra money pumped in by one route be sucked out by another? If Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, is right, the more mobile (and better-off) will vote with their feet. Property prices may come down but the wages floor at which paid work becomes financially attractive (by comparison with the dole) will go up. In Hackney each young person living in the parental home will need to earn £20 a week more than now to break even. How will that attract employers to the area?

One of the biggest problems of modern government is over-departmentalization. Decisions affecting living standards, work incentives and family life are so fragmented that no single minister can see the overall picture. The government may think it they can increase tax at the bottom without hurting "the poor", but experience shows otherwise. Mrs Thatcher should think again.

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Iran versus the rest: the Gulf line-up

The Gulf is 600 miles long from the Strait of Hormuz to the Shatt-el-Arab and, at its widest point, about 200 miles across from Ras Musandam in Oman to the north side of Hormuz in Iran. The shore is fringed for the most part with reefs and peppered with small islands. To the west the Omani border abuts on to several states of the United Arab Emirates; then come Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq. The entire eastern shore belongs to Iran. The narrows at Hormuz are 40 miles across; the other constriction, of about 120 miles, is off Qatar.

These figures are immensely important to an understanding of the problems of navigating safely in a potentially hostile environment. A modern aircraft can fly the length of the Gulf in a little over an hour: in good conditions, the 40-knot Iranian naval craft can cross from Nay Band in Iran to Qatar in less than three hours; the international passage through Hormuz can be covered not only by shore-based missiles but also by long-range artillery. The remnants of the Iranian Air Force could attack ships in Hormuz within six minutes of take-off. Mine-layers could have less than 100 miles to travel from Iranian territory to dump their cargoes — such as that which damaged the tanker Bridgeton — in the sea approaches to Kuwait.

The states on the western shore have built up significant naval forces during the past 10 years. Oman has three missile craft and eight patrol craft backed by auxiliaries and the 24 craft of the Royal Oman Police. The UAE navy includes six missile craft, nine patrol craft and 75 other small vessels, coastguard craft and auxiliaries. Qatar operate three missile craft and 50 patrol craft of various sizes. Bahrain has eight missile craft and small gunboats plus 24 coastguard craft while Kuwait has a larger group of eight missile craft and almost 100 smaller vessels and auxiliaries.

Were the Royal Saudi Navy to concentrate its whole force in the Gulf (an unlikely decision), the operational ships from a total of four frigates, four missile corvettes, nine missile craft, 51 patrol craft of varying sizes, two large replenishment ships, 16 hovercraft, four mine-hunters and 30 auxiliaries backed by a coastguard of some 450 patrol craft would be available.

Although the total of ships and craft available to the states of the western shore appears considerable, this armada would be of little value in combating tip and run raids by aircraft or small surface craft. The radar horizon of the majority is too confined for use against low-flying attackers and, unless a continuous patrol were mounted, there would be little chance of intercepting small craft on suicide missions or mine-laying forays.

Although Iran may still have nine destroyers, frigates and corvettes available or in partial service it seems unlikely that these would be committed to attacks on merchant shipping. The remaining (possibly seven) missile craft are almost certainly bereft of any Harpoon missiles while the attrition rate among the hovercraft squadrons has apparently been high. Probably the most threatening craft available are the 40 or so Customs craft of Swedish origin which have a speed of 40 knots and can carry hand-held missiles. The Iraqi navy has shown little intention of attacking shipping and its light forces, apart from a dwindling number of missile craft, are ill adapted for such operations.

It is difficult to assess the state of the arsenals of the two belligerents. France has continued to supply AM39 Exocet missiles to Iraq while Iran may have exhausted its stock of American Maverick television-guided air-launched missiles. The Exocets have continued to suffer occasional fuse failure, although those that have exploded have caused damage and fire. This effect has been most marked when the bridge areas and engine rooms have been hit — crude oil at sea temperature has not been easily ignited.

The Iranian Silkworm missiles in the Hormuz area have 1,100 lb warheads and a sea-skimming capability; their explosive power is thus three times more than that of an Exocet.

The requirements for successful counters to attacks and mining in the Gulf can be simply stated. Airborne early warning, surface ship radar warning, concentrated fire by surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles as well as guns and close-in weapons systems backed by radar decoys and chaff. Aircraft intervention should be unnecessary — the US Navy has no doubt learned the lessons of the attack by Libyan ships in the Mediterranean in March last year when devastating counter fire sank or damaged four attackers.

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Getting off the picket fence

It is time that a leading member of the labour movement had the courage to lay down the law on picketing in industrial disputes. Picketing has assumed a character and a mystique that is not sanctioned by trade union history, tradition or philosophy. In fact, the current practice of mass and secondary picketing is alien to the whole voluntary ethos of British trade unionism.

British unions have never endorsed violence. Confident in the strength and justice of their case they have been happy to rely on peaceful argument and persuasion. Mass picketing of the kind seen in recent years is intended instead to be intimidatory. Of course, it is. Anyone who effects to suggest otherwise is either stupid or lying, or both. The massive numbers that are deployed have no purpose other than physically to prevent the legal and peaceful passage of people and goods.

The TUC agrees with this assessment. But even the six pickets it suggests as the maximum are more than is necessary. As George Howell, the trade unions' friend and parliamentary advocate, pointed out in 1890: "The object of picketing is undoubtedly to dissuade non-union workmen from taking the place of those on strike," but it was done "not by coercion, but by persuasion . . . not by intimidation, but by argument." And, in words that foretold the formation of the Union of Democratic Miners, he pointed out that

> terrorism or threats are the last thing thought of, as they would be utterly futile and would absolutely fail in their object. Resistance to the dictatorship of the unions, instead of compliance with the request of the union men, would be the result, if such a course were pursued, and the future chance of such men joining the union, which is always an object of the unionist, would be frustrated, and often rendered well nigh impossible.

In *Industrial Democracy* the Webbs claimed an end to all violence and intimidation connected with trade unionism. More than this, "The most powerful unions of the present day," they boasted, "the most exacting in their demands on the employers, have gone a stage further, and have laid aside the whole system of picketing, with its intangible annoyance and early transition into breaches of public order." As they pointed out, "practically no 'pickets' were posted or needed" in the great five-month strike of the cotton spinners in 1893 and the "gigantic stoppage" of the Miners Federation in 1894.

A trade union official writing in the *Cotton Factory Times* on October 8, 1896, gave the reasons:

> It is not worth the risk, trouble, or expense . . . Every wage earner is able to read and write, and discern the difference between right and wrong: and with the assistance of the public press a full knowledge can be gained as to the reasons why a strike takes place. Hence no one is required to hang about a workshop where a strike is going on for the supposed purpose of giving information to persons who may desire to apply for work on the employers' conditions.

If that was true then, and it was, then it is even more so today. Those continuing to work do so in the full knowledge and defiance of the industrial action. It is their choice and their right, however much one may disapprove of and condemn their action. That they join the strike when subjected to mass or flying pickets is a sign of their fear, not their conversion. As we saw during the miners' dispute, men might be "picketed out" of work by physical intimidation but they tend to express a different view when allowed a secret vote.

That's why, of course, the likes of Scargill and the revolutionary ragbags that feed on every dispute encourage and defend mass picketing. It's an easier way of getting people to do what you want them to do without having to argue a case and persuade them of its validity. Men can be intimidated and manipulated into doing what they would not otherwise do. The Webbs were right: "Picketing, in fact, is a mark, not of trade unionism, but of its imperfection."

Is there no one in the movement now with the intellectual strength and the political courage to say this? Can't they even point out, as the Webbs did, that intimidation is a sign of weakness, not strength, an indication of the poverty of the pickets' case, and that, as Howell said, it not only smears all trade unionists but it rarely succeeds — not at Grunwick, or Warrington or Wapping or in the miners' strike. And, while they are at it, perhaps they could dispose of the absurd notion that is gaining the status of a myth; that it is morally wrong for a trade unionist to cross any picket line, anywhere, even when he is not involved in the dispute. That's absurd, and always has been.

A picket is "posted" to persuade others not to take his job, no more. Those who built and sustained the greatest trade union movement in the world knew this. They abided by the dictates of decency and common sense. They didn't need Tory legislation to bring them into line and tell them what to do. It is to the great shame of the present generation of trade union leaders that they have brought restrictive laws upon all our heads.

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Peter Brimelow

Rumbling below the Rockies

Vancouver

Western Canada, from the Great Lakes to the Pacific, is vast and dramatic. At least two of its cities are spectacular enough to stun the most hardened world traveller. Vancouver is built on a fjord, so that even in its bustling centre you can look up to pine-clad, snow-capped peaks across the water at the end of every street. Calgary rises suddenly out of the prairies that stretch dead flat for a thousand miles. Behind it, like a great wall from horizon to horizon, stand the Rocky Mountains.

The natives here are restless, as usual. In the past, their discontent has taken the form of the repeated third-party (and even fourth) insurrections that have characterized Canada's political history. Now, more ominously, fringe parties explicitly advocating Western Canada's separation from the rest of the country have established a distinct electoral presence. And a number of disillusioned Western Canadian moderates are organizing the Reform Party, which is openly modelling its strategy on that of the Victorian Irish Nationalist Party.

Western Canada's problems are typical of a discrete regional community — subsumed within a larger polity. Two hundred years ago the Americans invented "federalism" specifically to deal with this issue. But the principle involved never made much impression in the British world, although sorely needed in Canada and arguably in the mother country too.

Canada, of course, is nominally a "confederation". Its component provinces have local powers that in some ways exceed those of the American states. But Canada's regions lack the power over the central government that America's regions wield through the institution of the US Senate, to which each state elects two senators regardless of its population. Canada's Senate is appointive, and has become moribund.

On a national level Canada, like Britain, is a unitary state. The votes of its population centres outweigh those of the peripheral communities. In a country of Canada's size and diversity, the peripheral communities are easily identifiable. So are the centrally-imposed policies that abuse them — for example, tariffs that deny them cheap imported goods and protect the high-cost manufacturers in the cities.

In Britain the concern was not to protect outvoted regions so much as outvoted classes. No obvious solution has been offered since the neutralization of the House of Lords. Ironically, this protracted argument still reverberates in Canada: the Canadian left has long called for the outright abolition of the Senate, apparently influenced by immigrant British socialists who fail to understand an upper chamber's federal function and equate it with aristocracy.

It is interesting to speculate whether a federal structure would have better suited the separate nations — five, counting the Ulster Protestants — living in the British Isles. The idea was seriously discussed at the end of the 19th century when the Irish Nationalists were demanding home rule. Of course, the British Isles are small and the inhabitants, despite lovingly-cultivated distinctions, quite homogenous. The unitary system might be said to have worked relatively well. But the fall in Tory support in Scotland and Wales is a disturbing sign.

As, needless to say, is Ireland. Anyone who grows up in England is exposed to so much Irish drivel that it is natural to assume the wisdom of the unwavering Unionism (and unitarism) of the Victorian Tories. But the experience of North America suggests a doubt. After all, a majority of Irish voted for moderate devolution even in 1918, although the exigencies of the electoral system meant that radical republicans won all the seats.

An implicit danger of federalism is that the autonomous unit might gather enough centrifugal force to carry it to full independence. Whether or not this would have happened in Ireland, the process is clearly under way at the other end of Canada. In the latest round of Canadian constitutional tinkering, a weak prime minister, Brian Mulroney, has just been forced to concede the principle that the province of Quebec is the political expression of the French-speaking minority's "distinct society". Former prime minister Pierre Trudeau has denouced this as a "fast track" to the emergence of a separate Quebec.

Some Western Canadians believe that Mulroney's tinkering also destroyed any possibility of an elected Senate, and hence of a solution to the West's problems within confederation. Western separatists have a long way to go — but their proposed homeland is a prize worth fighting for.

The author, a senior editor of Forbes Magazine, *recently published* The Patriot Game, *a study of Canadian politics.*

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LESSONS FOR THE PRESS

Great claims have already been made for the significance of Mr Jeffrey Archer's successful libel action against *The Star* newspaper. According to Mr Archer's counsel, Mr Robert Alexander QC, it was "the most ruthless libel case of modern times". It has provided ample opportunities for those who hate the press to vindicate their hatred, for those who have long looked askance at contemporary standards of judgement by politicians to express the comforting words "I told you so".

The case has provided a window into the jumbled world of journalism and politics through which future historians will peer with interest – perhaps with horror. But while some truths have come home to editors of newspapers, so has hypocrisy raised a hundred hydra heads. The jury took only a few hours to decide the specific matter of whether on the night in question Mr Archer had sex with a prostitute. Rather longer may be needed to distentangle the more general issues that have emerged in the past two remarkable weeks.

Two newspapers were chiefly involved in the case. The defendant, *The Star*, is a daily tabloid paper owned by Express Newspapers. The Sunday newspaper, *The News of the World*, owned by News International, was the first to allege that Mr Archer had paid money to a prostitute. The then *News of the World* editor, Mr David Montgomery, was called to give evidence by the defence. The editor of *The Star*, Mr Lloyd Turner, pursuing a policy of silence that has added substantially to the disrepute brought upon the press by the papers' more lurid reporting tactics, gave no evidence to the court.

In his concluding speech to the court Mr Alexander posed a series of questions about the behaviour of *The News of the World*. Was it right, he asked, that the paper should create a web of deception to trap Mr Archer over many weeks? Among these deceptions, according to the judge, were the pretence that a reporter was a friend of Mr Archer when he was at that time quite the reverse; the encouragement of Mr Archer to incriminate himself by coaching the prostitute, Monica Coghlan, to tell him lies; the pretence that incriminating photographic evidence existed which did not exist.

To many people the question is hardly worth posing; the newspapers have been found as essentially sinful as Mr Archer has been judged specifically innocent. None the less Mr Alexander's questions are worthy of examination. For our legislators — many of them inherently opposed to the powers of the press to probe behind the scenes which they care to show us — may make much of the courtroom revelations. What circumstances, therefore, *would* justify the tactics of *The News of the World* in the Archer case? Could such circumstances ever exist?

In the opinion of the Press Council there are certain cases where subterfuge and deception by journalists can be accepted as necessary. The obtaining of information by such means has to be in the public interest and it has to be unobtainable by other means. To this should be added two further points. The first is that the editors of papers who take such action must have *prima facie* evidence that the story which they are attempting to confirm by subterfuge is of some substance. The second, and most important, is that the ends should be in proportion to the means.

With a justification of public interest the tactics of *The News of the World* might properly be be used against a Mafia drugs baron, even against a senior politician whose potential blackmail might threaten the security of the country. The allegations against Mr Archer – though *prima facie* worthy of inquiry — were not of that nature. That is not to say that it is of no public interest whether the Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party has sex with prostitutes, only that the interest is greatly below the level that could justify the tactics used.

It is also of public interest whether the Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party can be relied upon to tell the truth. But such a public interest cannot justify attempts to encourage lies. On all these grounds the judgement of *The News of the World* in this case was wrong. The actions of *The Star* in publishing a more clearly expressed version of the story, supplemented by the evidence of a worthless third-hand source, stemmed from more familiar failings, carelessness and poor competence. They were not more forgivable than those of *The News of the World*, only more forgettable.

The result of these failings and the consequent massive damages awarded by the jury to Mr Archer is likely to have an impact upon future judgemnts of and by the popular press. In addition to the clear rejection of the Express Newspapers case there is especially widespread sympathy for Mr Archer's wife, Mary.

As for Mr Archer himself, he remains revealed as an *ingenu* in the real low life world which he sometimes likes to portray in his fictions. The man who was once seen to symbolize the self-help standards of Mrs Thatcher's Britain arranged the payment of a large sum of money to a prostitute. He crossed boundaries between low life and high life, showbusiness and serious business. He was consistent only in the poverty of his judgements. His misfortune was to come up against newspapers who, among other things, took advantage of that fact.

Mr Alexander in his concluding speech — and the judge in his summimg up — both made it clear that the newspaper methods used against Mr Archer were at the heart of the issue. It is important, however, that the sense of proportion that was so lacking in those newspapers' behaviour should not also be abandoned by those who seek to punish them.

As well as drawing attention to the "web of deception" Mr Alexander asked the jury to consider other journalistic techniques, the use of "minders" to protect sources, the payment of sources for information, other commercial incentives to people to provide information to one newspaper rather than to another. It is here that hypocrisy raises its head — and is likely to raise it higher in the days to come. For those techniques, legally applied, are justified; and they are as traditional as the papers themselves.

Popular journalism is successful because it is popular. For the reader to enjoy its fruits it is not necessary for him or her to agree with every move that is taken to achieve them, still less to be prepared to do the same things themselves. A free society does not have a single standard of behaviour that must be met by all its citizens in every aspect of their lives. Nor do all newspapers have the same standards.

There are lessons from this case for the press as a whole. The device "friends of Jeffrey Archer" as a code for Jeffrey Archer speaking off the record has been used by this and other papers of authority for many years. It is part of the lobby system of political reporting but it looked surprisingly tawdry in court. It ought not to be used in future.

All editors are paid to make fine judgements. But the editors of popular papers have always trod a particularly fine line beween what is legitimate and what is not, what is in society's overall interest and what is not, what society will stand for and what it rejects as a perversion of a normally acceptable profession. The size of the damages may be seen as a measure of the jury's affront at the methods used. The Archer libel case has been an opportunity for that jury to let the people's feelings be known.

Lessons must be learnt. The decisions of *The News of the World* and *The Star* were, each in their different ways, manifestly wrong. They should not be repeated. But it would be wrong too if those lessons were to be distorted by politicians and other critics whose instincts are against what is popular from the start, who resent the powers of the popular press even when they are properly applied.

A SYSTEM AT FAULT

Few of those responsible, however indirectly, for the sailing of the Herald of Free Enterprise from Zeebrugge last March 6, have escaped blame for the tragedy which so quickly engulfed it. The report by Mr Justice Sheen on the disaster in which at least 188 people died, is a sad and sometimes shocking indictment of human complacency and error.

The Government has responded quickly. Some of the inquiry's recommendations, like the fitting of indicator lights to the bridge, have already been adopted by Townsend Thoresen. Others, like the introduction of closed circuit television have applications beyond those envisaged in this case, for instance in the detection of wrong-doers

. Meanwhile £1m is being spent on research into the design of roll-on roll-off (roro) ferries, with special emphasis on their stability and the possible need for bulkheads on the car decks. The need to strengthen public confidence in Channel ferries, is obvious in an island such as this. While accidents are exceptional — and major disasters rare — the service is so central to the life of Britain and its economy, that no Government could ignore the lessons learned.

The reason why the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized was apparent within hours of the disaster. That a ferry should put to sea with its bow doors open seemed an act of quite unprecedented negligence. Yet as yesterday's report has pointed out, this was not the first time it had happened.

A system of operation was to blame which has stood the test of time — but little else. "The body corporate" said the judge, in describing the shipping company, Townsend Thoresen, "was infected from top to bottom with the disease of sloppiness." Memoranda had been written and complaints made.

Yet the potential instability of roro ferries was well-known. Correctly handled and operated within safety margins, they are safe enough — and still bigger ships are being envisaged for the future. But the open car decks make them prone to flooding in the event of sea disasters — with the consequences which are now well understood . It is arguably Whitehall which has escaped blame too easily for failing to impose its own discipline on cross-Channel operations.

What was lacking was a set of clear instructions. The disjointed narrative which has emerged from the 29-day inquiry, implied that too much was left to custom, and chance. Aircraft crews have check lists before they fly and their areas of responsibility are quite clear. It has to be so because the level of tolerance which can be built into heavier-than-air machines is essentially low. From henceforth the operation of roro ferries must also be subjected to a similar kind of discipline.

How far such vessels need to be re-designed has yet to be resolved. The fitting of bulkheads on the vehicle deck is one obvious remedy, since these would prevent water from flooding through. The problem is that these would impinge on the speed of vehicle loading on the ferries and the numbers of cars they could take. The viability of the operation could be called into question — certainly if the bulkheads were fixed and even perhaps if they were mobile or fitted with doors. Public safety must come first and it has emerged from this inquiry that ships' masters have been under pressure to "turn round" quickly.

This is a thorough and thoughtful report, both in its analysis of what went wrong in the Zeebrugge disaster and in its recommendations to prevent a recurrence. It contains lessons for British industry in general, as well as shipping firms in particular, because a *modus operandi* is under scrutiny. For Townsend Thoresen itself the lessons must already be painfully clear — and many corrections have already been made. Such things as happened on March 6 must never be repeated. That is the central message for us all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local initiative on house swaps

From Mrs D. M. Ladas

Sir, Families who want to move out of vandalised council estates, to other areas face formidable problems. Such people include single-parent and unemployed families who have no need to live in cities and yearn to escape to a better environment where their children will not be corrupted by filth and lawlessness and their homes will not be broken into.

Because they are entirely dependent on State benefit they will never be able to move on their own. Meanwhile, people who have skills needed in London, for example, teachers, skilled workmen and technicians, cannot take up jobs they are offered because they cannot find affordable homes.

When the "boat people" came to England my village in Somerset was able to house a family. Surely many mining villages, where the pit has closed, could find room for a family without a wage earner. It is detailed local initiative that is needed, not the present cumbersome system of trying, half-heartedly, to arrange specific council house swaps.

Yours faithfully,
DIANA LADAS,
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July 18.

North hearings

From Mrs Anastasia N. Hackett

Sir, As an American resident in England, I read with horror the article by Patrick Buchanan, "Congress in the dock" (July 21). One wonders upon reading this article if everyone connected with the Reagan Administration is mad.

I have been surprised that no one has yet pointed out to Colonel North or Admiral Poindexter that going against a congressional order is not only flying in the face of those particular politicians, but actually disregarding the will of the people of the United States.

Buchanan lauds Colonel North's heroism in choosing the "moral" path, while Congress dares to pass judgement against him. He reminds us that this Administration is conversant with the right path, the only path.

I find it very satisfying to know that the President is not a dictator, but rather an elected official responsible to a duly elected legislative body. Colonel North and Admiral Poindexter, on the other hand, are not elected officials. They were appointed by the President and, knowledgeable or not, he is responsible for their actions.

Yours sincerely,
A. N. HACKETT,
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Poets Road, N5.
July 21.

From Miss Marni L. Stanley

Sir, Leaving aside his obscene description of abortion and other cheap shock tactics, Mr Buchanan's arguments are also weakened by his peculiar connotation of the word "patriot".

Instead of trying to justify the interventionist policies of Oliver North, he should consider the origins of his country and remember the words of William Jennings Bryan who addressed the nation thus:

> Lincoln said that the safety of this Nation was not in its fleets, its armies, or its forts, but in the spirit which prizes liberty in the heritage of all men, on all lands, everywhere, and he warned his countrymen that they could not destroy this spirit without planting the seeds of despotism at their own doors.

Yours faithfully,
MARNI L. STANLEY,
St. Hilda's College,
Oxford.

Calling the community to account

From Mr Roland Rench

Sir, In addition to providing "accountability", Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, has claimed that the Government's poll tax is a fair form of taxation (report, July 11).

How can he possibly justify that statement when for the past 13 years the Conservative Party, in and out of office, has been saying that, despite relief for the least affluent, domestic rates are unfair because they are *not related to ability to pay*? The corollary to that criticism (with which we entirely agree) is that a replacement system should be linked to income — and, effectively, that is what the Tories pledged in their 1974 election manifesto.

Not only do local income taxes (LIT) operate quite successfully in other countries but, according to opinion polls conducted in this country, it is easily the form of compulsory local taxation most favoured by the general public (from all parts of the political spectrum).

As for "accountability", it is apparently regarded as satisfied at the national level by those members of the electorate whose incomes are insufficient to attract income tax. That being so, provided the same thresholds are employed (as obviously they would be), then by the same token non-LIT payers should also be seen as satisfying the "accountability" aspect. To argue otherwise seems to us to be illogical.

If the Government insists on going ahead with its poll tax, the tragedy is that millions of pounds of public money will be spent in implementing a system which, because it has only minimal support, will have to be dismantled in the future — with further considerable expense to the public purse. If it believes in acting responsibly then, surely, this Government must think again — and fulfill its original pledge.

Yours sincerely,
ROLAND RENCH
(Deputy Chairman,
National Union of Ratepayers' Associations),
8 Minshull Place,
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From Mr D. J. Lewis

Sir, You quote Mr John Wakeham as referring to "the horrific prospect of property revaluation which would bring massive increases in rate bills".

Surely this is taking political rhetoric to absurdity? Rates are payable on the basis of a percentage of rateable value adjusted each year to raise an actual sum of, money. Any given increase or decrease in rateable value does not directly or automatically lead to an increase or decrease in rates payable.

Indeed, a much overdue revaluation would clearly be equitable. Its effect would be to increase liabilities on those whose properties have risen in value and reduce them for those where they have absolutely or relatively fallen. The rates system is bad and should be replaced. But two wrongs do not make a right. Just as a tax on occupation without regard to income is wrong, so is a fixed charge per head without regard to income.

A combination of a tax on property ownership or land values, plus possibly a local income tax or sales tax, or a combination of all three, would have the ingredients of a mixture which would relate to the ability to pay, which surely should be at the heart of any system of taxation.

Yours faithfully,
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July 13.

From Mr Andrew Stobart

Sir, What is to stop the Government putting right an ancient injustice, by re-granting to parish councils (probably ward councils) in towns, and in particular inner cities, the right to levy a local rate, to spend it as they wish, and for every elector to be able to call them to account, in person, at the annual parish (ward?) meeting?

Or do the Government propose to abolish the last remnants of local free speech on how one's taxes are spent? If they do, then they should declare it, for many in the country will resist most vehemently the present, albeit limited, self-government in a parish being in any way reduced.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW STOBART,
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Great Ouseburn,
York.
July 12.

From the Director of Aims of Industry

Sir, One point that has not come out in the discussion of the Government's new rating plans is that it should lead to a reduction in rent of council house tenants. At present councils include rates in their overall weekly charges to tenants.

This is surely a point the Government should be making.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL IVENS, Director,
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40 Doughty Street, WC1.
July 17.

From Mrs R. J. Fitzmaurice

Sir, I work as a matron at a boarding school and "live in" during term time, being responsible for pupils day and night.

I possess a small country cottage where I spend holidays and the occasional weekend.

If I understand your article (Spectrum, July 13) I shall have to pay poll tax on my school accommodation as well as on my cottage.

If this is so, I suggest living-in staff will be even more difficult to find than at present.

Yours faithfully,
JANE FITZMAURICE,
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Market Street,
Charlbury, Oxford.

Dividends from BAA share-out

From Mr M. J. Baggott

Sir, If I understand the basis of the BAA allocation correctly, some 2,150,000 people will receive 100 shares each at an ultimate cost of £245. On the estimated yield this will mean half-yearly dividends of about £4 each — hardly enough to buy a round of drinks these days.

The costs of calculating, processing and distributing these tiny payments, together with a copy of the company's annual report, to which all shareholders are entitled, seem likely to exceed the value of the dividend payments themselves.

While one sympathises with the dilemma which the Government has created for itself, one must question the commercial wisdom of saddling the new plc with such an administrative burden in pursuit of a purely political objective. Hardly free market economics!

Yours faithfully,
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July 20.

Surplus food aid

From Professor H. W. Singer

Sir, In your editorial about the common agricultural policy and the corresponding US and Japanese policies ("Growing sanity", July 8), you very rightly say that something has to be done to slow down this merry-go-round of subsidy, leading to surplus, leading to greater subsidy. However, you fail to mention among the methods of doing so the possibility of breaking ths merry-go-round by disposing of some at least of the surpluses through additional food aid.

I know that the official UK position (more so than in most other western countries) is sceptical and critical of food aid; and admittedly food aid must be carefully handled to be an incentive to development rather than a disincentive. Yet such ways of handling food aid are not unknown and with proper effort and control could help both to reduce surpluses and speed up economic development.

The FAO, the US Department of Agriculture, the International Food Policy Research Institute and other sources have estimated the need for food aid at double the present volume. Surely the use of burdensome surpluses to reduce malnutrition of poverty groups and children (turning stone into bread) should not be excluded from discussion?

Yours faithfully,
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July 9.

Royalty and Russia

From Professor Evan Richards

Sir, John Grigg's suggestion of a royal State visit to the Soviet Union is timely (feature, July 18). Such a visit came readily to mind in the context of Mrs Thatcher's recent trip. But Mr Grigg has forgotten his history in claiming that "no British reigning monarch has ever visited Russia": King Edward VII was, of course, at Reval (Tallinn, Estonia) in 1908, for talks with Tsar Nicholas II.

If, as is widely believed, it is the foul murder of the Romanov relations at Ekaterinburg that has so long blocked a royal visit, a recent article in the periodical *Sovyetskaya Russiya* may have helped to remove that obstacle.

As reported here, that article speaks of the "tragic end" of the ex-Tsar Nicholas and his whole household, but blames the crime on excessive zeal of the local Ural soviet, the immediate gaolers. (Trotsky, I believe, favoured a show trial of Nicholas II, with himself in the star role of state prosecutor).

Given the official status of Soviet periodicals, this instance of *glasnost* may come as close as possible to representing a belated official apology or repudiation.

Yours faithfully,
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Sea traffic

From Captain P. R. D. Kimm, RN

Sir, In his letter (July 21) on the future of British air transport, Sir Peter Masefield suggests that that industry is "as vital to our national prosperity as was the merchant navy in earlier times".

I acknowledge that Britain's airlines may have a greater share of their world market than has the United Kingdom-registered merchant fleet in its comparable sphere; but while over 90 per cent of our imports and exports continue to arrive and depart by sea, our merchant navy should not so lightly be consigned to history.

Even more relevant is its strategic significance: a British mercantile marine component remains vital to our security, and thus to our ability to continue to prosper.

Nowadays *people* go mainly by air, and thus the *goods* which continue to go by sea — and indeed the whole panorama of opportunity which the sea provides — are that much more out of sight and mind. Sea-blindness is a particularly dangerous condition for an island nation.

Yours faithfully,
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July 21.

Rain starts play

From Mr K. F. Buckingham

Sir, The deviser of an exclusively wet weather sport would deservedly attract universal acclaim, particularly from the organisers of our traditional summer events such as fêtes and gymkhanas.

Its inclusion in the programme would ensure the success of the main event.

Yours faithfully,
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July 17.

Tax 'windfalls'

From Mr M. A. Lynd

Sir, Mr Lamont's reasons for imposing retrospective tax legislation (report, July 16) are astonishing. It would appear that a great many tax payers have acceded to demands by the Inland Revenue, for tax to which it was not entitled.

Now that the courts have ruled that these taxes were illegally raised, the Government is introducing retrospective law to ensure that those tax-payers cannot reclaim their own money which they should never have had to pay in the first place.

To call this an "unacceptable benefit" or a "windfall tax advantage" is merely to try and disguise the Government's refusal to give back taxes illegally demanded by the Revenue.

Yours faithfully,
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Surrey.
July 16.

Shepherd's dilemma

From Captain P. D. Tatton-Brown, RN

Sir, The dipping time for sheep comes round again. The instructions are clear, "Push the head under once or twice. Take care the sheep do not inhale or swallow the wash".

As they are in the bath for 60 seconds, how does one achieve this? By word of command?

Yours hopefully,
PETER TATTON-BROWN,
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Brayford,
Barnstaple,
Devon.
July 22.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 25 1837

The French were pioneers in the art of ballooning and parachuting, which derived from it. Blanchard, a celebrated balloonist, is credited with staging the first parachute descent, using a dog, in 1785

FATAL RESULT OF THE PARACHUTE DESCENT.

We regret to have to state that the experiment of the descent of the parachute has terminated fatally to Mr. Cocking. In consequence of the announcement that he was to ascend in his parachute suspended to the great Nassau Balloon, a great number of persons, amongst whom were many of the first nobility of the country, assembled in the gardens to witness the experiment. Without the gardens, upon Vauxhall-bridge, and upon Millbank, the crowd was immense. The shape, dimensions, and construction of the parachute have been already described: it may therefore be sufficient to say, that it was in shape an inverted cone, not very unlike an umbrella turned upside down. It was in circumference 107 feet four inches. From the bottom of this machine, which was constructed of fine Irish linen, a basket of wicker was suspended, in which Mr. Cocking placed himself. The distance between this basket and the car in which were Mr. Green and Mr. Spencer, was between 40 and 50 feet. The ascent of the balloon took place about 20 minutes before 8 o'clock. When Mr. Cocking entered the basket of the parachute he was perfectly collected, and exhibited no appearance of want of nerve or indecision.

Mr. F. Gye, who was particularly anxious in his attention to all the arrangements of the experiment, and who is entitled to every praise for the manner in which he exerted himself to prevent the possibility of accident, continually in the course of the day, and up to the very moment of the ascent of the balloon, advised Mr. Cocking, if he felt the least timidity, to relinquish his attempt, and undertook to allay any ill-feeling that might arise amongst the public at the disappointment. Mr. Cocking, however, professed himself most anxious to carry his announcement into execution: and after thanking Mr. F. Gye for his kindness and solicitude, professed himself most eager to ascend. At 20 minutes to 8 o'clock, every thing being in readiness and the parachute attached to the car of the balloon, the ascent took place . . .

It was expected by those in the gardens that Mr. Cocking would have descended so near Vauxhall as to afford them a view of his descent. This was not the case. . . .A son of Mr. Gye was the first person who announced to our informant the fatal catastrophe. This gentleman followed on horseback, and arrived in a field, near Lee, in Kent, just in time to learn that the parachute had descended with such violence that Mr. Cocking had lost his life in his experiment . . . It appears that the descent of the parachute was made over a field close to Lee, that on approaching the ground the parachute, from some cause or other, most probably from the hoop which distended the external circumference being composed of a hollow tube of tin collapsed, and consequently opposed no resistance whatever to the atmosphere, but turned over and over in the air, and came down with a frightful velocity . . .

It is but justice to say, that this fatal result is attributable in no manner to any person connected with Vauxhall or with the balloon. Mr. F. Gye endeavoured, but in vain, to persuade Mr. Cocking to have the hoop of the parachute of ash, but that unfortunate gentleman, from a notion that tin would be sufficiently strong and much lighter, refused to listen to his suggestion. This is all that is yet known authentically of the melancholy termination of the experiment.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 24: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Cheshire today.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness arrived at Crewe Station in the Royal Train this morning and having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cheshire (the Viscount Leverhulme). The Queen unveiled a plaque to commemorate the sesquicentenary of the opening of Crewe Junction.

The Queen and The *Duke* of Edinburgh subsequently visited the Camm Street Centre and were received by the Chairman of the Management Committee (Mrs P Harborth) and the Centre Manager (Mr C Aldous).

Afterwards. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the factory of Rolls Royce Motor Cars Ltd. where Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Chairman (Sir David Plastow) and the Managing Director and Chief Executive (Mr P Ward).

The Queen. with The Duke of Edinburgh. then visited British Rail Engineering Ltd (Chairman. Sir David Nicholson) and toured the new Locomotive Construction Facility.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Crewe Hall Farm (Tenants. Mr and Mrs W L Crawford) and were received by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (the Right Hon Kenneth Clarke, MP) and the Clerk of the Council (Mr Michael *Ridley*).

Her Majesty. with His Royal Highness. attended a Reception and honoured the Chancellor of the Duchy with her presence at luncheon.

In the afternoon. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Crewe Heritage Centre. where Her Majesty. with His *Royal Highness. toured the* Centre and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received by the Mayor of Crewe (Councillor C E Elson).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later left Manchester Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Hon Mary Morrison. Sir Peter Miles. Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Commander Ti*mothy Laurence. RN were in* attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 24: The Prince of Wales this morning opened the Marylebone Health Centre. 17 Marylebone Road. NW1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 24: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon today visited Birmingham and was received on arrival at Birmingham International Airport by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands (The Earl of Aylesford).

Her Royal Highness. as President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. this afternoon opened the Solihull and North East Birmingham Child Protection Team's Unit at Woodside Child and Family Centre and later visited the Lakeside Family Centre at Bartley Green.

The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon. who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. was attended by Mrs Jane Stevens.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 24: The Duchess of Kent. as Chancellor. today presided at Congregations for the Conferment of Degrees at the University of Leeds.

Her Royal Highness. who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. was attended by Miss Sarah Partridge.

Lord Nicholas Windsor celebrates his birthday today.

Sir Edmund and the Hon Lady Stockdale celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage today.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Clive Bradley. chief executive. Publishers' Association. 53: Mr James Butler. sculptor. 56: Sir William Coats. former chairman. Coats Patons. 63: Sir Charles Gordon. former Clerk of the House of Commons. 69: the Rev Derek Harbord. barrister and cleric. 85: the Rev Dr John Huxtable. theologian. 75: Sir Bryant Godman Irvine. former MP. 78: the Earl of Kintore. 79: Sir John McMichael. former director. British Postgraduate Medical Federation. 84: Sir David Napley. solicitor. 72: Professor W.R. Niblett. educationalist. 81: Sir Derek Palmar. chairman. Bass. 68: the Right Rev Barry Rogerson. Bishop of Bristol. 51: Miss Annie Ross. singer and actress. 57.

TOMORROW: Sir Peter Carey. chairman. Dalgety. 64: Signora Gioconda De Vito. violinist. 80: Mr Vitas Gerulaitis. tennis player. 33. the Right Rev W.P. Gilpin. former Bishop of Kingston-upon-Thames. 85: Mr Mick Jagger. Rolling Stones' singer. 44: Miss Barbara Jefford. actress. 57: Dr John Kilgour. Director of Prison Medical Services, Home Office. 63: Mr Stanley Kubrick. film producer and director. 59: Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes. former MP. 57: Sir Derek Riches. diplomat. 75: Miss Bernice Rubens. writer. 59: Professor Sir John Stallworthy. obstetrician and gynaecologist. 81: Lord Thorneycroft. CH. 78: Mr M.H.W. Wells. former chairman. Charterhouse Japhet. 60.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

Princess Alexandra will attend the opening of the Xth International Congress of Nephrology at the Barbican Centre at *6.05.*

Memorial Service

Mr C. Blakely
A memorial service for Mr Colin Blakely was held yesterday at *the Actors' Church. St* Paul's. Covent Garden. The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister. Senior Chaplain of the Actors' Church Union. officiated. Mr T.P. McKenna read extracts from *The Brother* by Flann O'Brien and Mr Ken Ives read from *Landscape* by Harold Pinter. Mr Harold Pinter gave an address. *Among* those present were:

Mrs Blakely (widow). Mr Drummond Blakely. Mr Cameron Blakely and Mr Hamish Blakely (sons). Mr and Mrs Donald Blakely (brother and sister-in-law). Miss Caroline Blakely. Mrs Hilda Rodgers. Mrs Gordon Fisher. Mrs Esther Fisher. Claire Fisher.

Lady Antonia Pinter. Sir Peter Hall (National Theatre). Mr Robert Stephens. Mr Christopher Downs. Mr Edward Fox. Miss Jane Lapotaire. Miss Annette Crosby. Mr Frank Finlay. Mr John Stride. Mr Karel Reisz. Miss Diana Rigg. Mr Hywell Bennett. Mr Maurice Denham. Miss Dorothy Tutin. Mr John Schlesinger. Mr and Mrs Michael Gambon. Miss Patricia Routledge. Mr Jack Gold. Miss Sarah Kestelman. Mr Bernard Baschwitz. Mr John Dexter. Mr Jim Norton. the Ven K S Pound. Mr and Mrs Alvin Rakoff. Mr Illtyd Harrington. Mr Robert Lang. Mr Philip Jenkins. Dr A R Makepeace. Mr Ken Grant. Mr Frith Banbury. Miss Mary Larkin. Mr Peter Willmore. Mr Roger Davidson. Mr and Mrs J Brouwer. Mr Richard Price. Miss Adza Vincent. Mr Colin Maltman (Bangor Drama Club Co Down) with Mr Kenneth Irvine: Mr C Ishermenn (manager. Lyric Theatre). Mr John de Lannoy (Actors' Benevolent Fund). Dr Neil Smith. Dr Margaret Spelling. Miss J Barlow and Mr Alan Sleath (chairman. RADA Associates)

Service Dinner

Royal Naval College Greenwich
Commander G.M.B. Selous presided at a dinner held yesterday at the Royal Naval College Greenwich in honour of the sub-lieutenants of 1947. Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse. Admiral Sir Simon Cassels. Vice-Admiral Sir Neil Anderson. Rear-Admiral Tony Whetstone and Captain George Hayne were among those present.

Epstein's gift of strength and life to religious art

The exhibition of sculptures and drawings by Jacob Epstein (1880-1959) at London's Whitechapel Gallery may occasion some shuffling of feet and clearing of throats by the churches.

Whereas the late commissions such as Lazarus (1947-8), Madonna and Child (1950-2), Christ in Majesty (1954-5) and St Michael and the Devil *(1956-8)* received *more or less* favourable attention from critics, the mindless ecclesiastical invective levelled at the innovative younger Epstein is lodged in both his autobiographical *Let there be Sculpture* (1940) and also more recent critical literature in a way that is uncomfortable for the churches.

Was it only in the last 12 years of his life that Epstein received attention from the churches? It might well seem so: A H Smith, Warden of New College, Oxford had the *Lazarus purchased for the* College Chapel after its showing in the 1951 Festival of Britain Exhibition, and gave Epstein what the artist was to call "one of the happiest issues of my working life": the Madonna and Child, a commission nursed by architect *Louis Osmond*, was scrutinised from sketch to final drawing by the nuns of the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus. Cavendish Square, London with plenty of fruitful questions and answers between client and artist: the Christ in Majesty (unveiled in Passiontide 1957) was well received in the art world for its congruence with the architecture of the restored Llandaff Cathedral; the St Michael and the Devil at the new Coventry Cathedral did draw adverse criticism, but Epstein himself, now aged 76 "didn't feel like turning down anything that *comes my way: but it is all* coming too late, I'm afraid."

Better late, surely, than hardly at all, as in the case of his Catholic near contemporary in France, Georges Rovault (1871-1958).

Jacob Epstein's St Michael and the Devil — one of his later works

Epstein had, however, been frequently drawn to Christian subject matter before the four big commissions from the churches after the second world war. Already before the 1914-1918 war was over the great columnar figure of The Risen Christ (not exhibited until 1920) was being prepared, and the sculptor has recorded the creative process.

The long neglected Kneeling Angel maquette (1924), unsuccessfully submitted to the American architects of Bush House, London, is now not in good condition but is in the safe keeping of the Church in Wales, who rescued it when Bush House was sold in 1972.

The Madonna and Child of 1926-27 found its way, via the collection of Sally Ryan, an American sculptor, admirer and patron of Epstein, to a place in the Riverside Church, New York.

Thus in the earlier part of Epstein's career recognition by the churches, though spotty, was not altogether lacking. Whereas the great, Bach-inspired Consummatum Est (1936) and the mysteriously powerful Jacob and the Angel (1940-1) were to leave the studio initially for the shameful indignity of being exhibited for laughs, the Behold the Man, begun in the *mid-1930s* but still awaiting *completion in the late 1940s*, was bought by Canon C B Mortlock, professor of ecclesiastical art at King's College London, and Westminster Abbey is home to the bust of William Blake (1956).

Not many contemporary commentators in church circles, however, identified or acclaimed the Pietà-like quality of Night (1929) in the St James's Park Underground headquarters building programme, yet its architect, Charles Holden, was to remark generously and wistfully of his London University Senate House of a quarter of a century later that he would have been proud to see a work such as the Cavendish Square Madonna and Child at the base of his university tower.

It is time to forget old scores; instead to remember that the churches gave Epstein the Christian story and that Epstein "vivified European religious art by an infusion of dark blood, itself not pure but drawn from the African, the Aztec and many other races" (Anthony Blunt).

Siting their Epsteins in accessible and frequented places the churches can *on* balance, take a little pride in their direct and indirect patronage of a great twentieth century sculptor.

Tom Devonshire Jones

The Rev T P N Devonshire Jones is Vicar of St Mark's, Regent's Park, London.

Anniversaries

TODAY
BIRTHS: William Burkitt, theologian. Hitcham. Suffolk. 1650: Arthur James Balfour. 1st Earl of Balfour. prime minister. 1902-5. Whittinghame, Lothian. 1848.

DEATHS: Charles Dibdin. composer. actor-manager. London. 1814: Samuel Taylor Coleridge. London. 1834: Charles Macintosh. pioneer of waterproofing. Glasgow. 1843: Henry Mayhew. journalist co-founder of *Punch*. London. 1887: Engelbert Dollfuss. chancellor of Austria 1932-34. assassinated by Nazis. Vienna. 1934: Louis St Laurent. prime minister of Canada 1948-57. Quebec. 1973.

Louis Blériot made the first cross-Channel flight. 1909.

TOMORROW
BIRTHS: John Field. composer. Dublin. 1782: George Bernard Shaw. Dublin. 1856: Serge Koussevitsky. conductor. Tver. Russia. 1874: Carl Gustave Jung. psychologist. Kesswyl, Germany. 1875: Aldous Huxley. Godalming. Surrey. 1894: Robert Graves. London. 1895.

DEATHS: George Borrow. Oulton. Suffolk. 1881.

Polytechnic news

Huddersfield
Dr Paul Arthur. formerly a *manager in the computer in*dustry. has been appointed Assistant Rector of Huddersfield Polytechnic with a brief to expand the polytechnic's income generating activities.

Receptions

HM Government
Lord Sanderson of Bowden. Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception held yesterday at 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh. for representatives of the Scottish Fishing Industry.

The Earl of Onslow
The Earl of Onslow was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Lords to launch the tenth appeal for "The Story of Christmas". in aid of the Friends of the Cheyne Centre for Spastic Children and the Thomas Coram Foundation. Mr Robert Spooner. chairman of the organising committee. received the guests who included the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and the Paymaster-General.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M. Pilkington and Lady Sophia Vane-Tempest-Stewart
The engagement is announced between Jonathan. youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.C.L. Pilkington. of Stanstead Abbots. Hertfordshire, and Sophia. eldest daughter of the Marquess of Londonderry and Mrs Clive Powell.

Dr F. Amijee and Miss T.S. Khanbhai
The engagement is announced between Firoz. younger son of Mr and Mrs Amijee A. Amijee. of Tanga. Tanzania. and Tahera. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Sadikali Khanbhai. of Arusha. *Tanzania.*

Mr S.J.V. Calderbank and Miss S.M. Todd
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr J. Calderbank. of Wilmslow. Cheshire. and Mrs J. Richardson. of Macclesfield. Cheshire. and Susan. younger daughter of Dr and Mrs I.D.H. Todd. of Didsbury. Manchester.

Mr M.W. Capel and Miss S.G. Jones
The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr and Mrs D. Capel, of Cardiff. South Glamorgan, and Susan Ghislaine. daughter of Mr and Mrs P.R.H. Jones. of Ringwood. Hampshire.

Mr C.R.W. Delves *and Miss C.H. Suthers*
The engagement is announced between Clive Robert William. eldest son of Mr H.C. Delves. of East Sheen. London. and Mrs M.I. Evans. of Richmond. Surrey. and Helen. only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.B. Suthers. of Margaret River. Western Australia.

Mr R.D. Haney and Miss V.J. Adams
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mrs J. Haney. of Saltdean. Brighton. and Vanessa. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.D. Adams. of Brighton. Sussex.

***Major R.S. Fennings-Mills* and Miss S.V.A. Harradine**
The engagement is announced between Richard Fennings-Mills. The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales'). younger son of the late Mr Charles Fennings-Mills and Mrs Eve Fennings-Mills. and Sarah. eldest daughter of Commander and Mrs D.V. Harradine.

Dr N.F.A. Johnston *and Dr S.M.D. Gooding*
The engagement is announced between Nigel. eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.J. Johnston. of Omagh. Northern Ireland. and Sylvia. only daughter of Professor and Mrs H.J. Gooding. of Budleigh Salterton. Devon.

Mr I.A.C. Doull and Miss K.E. Ellis
The engagement is announced between Ian Alexander Campbell Doull and Katharine Elizabeth Ellis. of Hampstead. London.

Flight Lt - J.K. Wheeler. RAF. and Miss P.J. Dickenson
The engagement is announced between *Jonathan*, son of Squadron Leader and Mrs J.A. Wheeler. of East Bridgford. Nottinghamshire. and Pauline Jane. daughter of the late Mr A. Dickenson and of Mrs Dickenson. of Moreton Valence. Gloucestershire.

Marriages

Mr M.J. Tussaud and Lady Couper
A service of blessing was held on Friday. July 24. 1987. at Christ Church. Turnham Green. Chiswick. after the marriage of Mr Michael Tussaud. elder son of Mrs Mary Tussaud and the late Mr Angelo Tussaud. and Curzon Henrietta Couper. elder daughter of Mrs George MacKean and the late Major George MacKean. The Very Rev William Baddeley officiated.

A reception was held afterwards at Marlborough Road. Chiswick.

Mr A.N.R. Fleming and Miss L.J. May Somerville
The marriage took place on Saturday. July 18. at St Peter's Church. Lamerton. of Mr Andrew Fleming. son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Malcolm Fleming. of Kilmacolm. Renfrewshire. and Miss Lucinda May Somerville. daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael May Somerville. of Lamerton. Devon. The Rev Raymond Chudley and the Rev John Hoskyns officiated.

The bride. who was given in marriage by her father. was attended by Miss Sarah Fleming. Joanna and Julia Irvine. Emma Tickett and Serena Williams. Mr Jeremy Upton was best man.

A reception was held at the bride's home and the honeymoon is being spent in Kashmir.

Mr A.M.W. Hunter and Miss J. Mathews
The marriage took place in London on Friday, of Mr Alastair Hunter. eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.C.W. Hunter. of Stonegate, Sussex. and Miss Jane Mathews. elder daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs M.F.J. Mathews, of Paignton. Devon.

Mr I.J. Maccabe and Miss F.M. Gore
The marriage took place on Saturday. July 4. at the Church of St Michael the Archangel. Warfield. between Mr Irvine Maccabe. younger son of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Maccabe. of Dulwich Village. *London. and* Miss Fiona Gore. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Toby Gore. of Monks Alley. Binfield. The Rev Brian Meardon officiated.

The bride. who was given in marriage by her father. was attended by Stephanie Gore. Tessa Gore and Alexina Milbank. *Mr Peter Village* was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Malaysia.

OBITUARY

LADY RAMA RAU

Indian birth control, by consent

Lady Rama Rau. a leading figure in the struggle for women's rights — particularly in her native India — died in Bombay on July 19. She was 94.

Hand in hand with this struggle went another — enlightening the women of India in the ways of family planning in the days when it *was not so much unfashion*able as unthought of.

Dhanvanthi Handoo was born at Hubli. India. in 1893. into a Kashmiri Brahmin family. She took her masters degree at Madras University — in those days a rare achievement for a woman — and became an assistant professor at Queen Mary's College. Madras.

She trod an unconventional path from the very start. and her marriage. in 1919. to Benegal Rama Rau (later knighted). was no exception. and it broke with custom. They both opted for a civil registered marriage because it allowed the possibility of divorce.

Her fight for equal rights for women began as early as 1917 when she joined the Women's Indian Association. She went on to assume the leadership of a variety of groups dedicated to the provision of health services in rural areas. improved educational opportunities for girls and the abolition of child marriage.

In the years before the last war Lady Rama Rau was one of an intrepid trio who brought the wisdom of family planning to the women of India.

With her was Dr Helena Wright. British gynaecologist (who provided the medical knowledge)and Mrs Seligman (who provided the money). Lady Rama Rau herself was the driving force.

Together. they travelled about the country dispensing information and contraceptives — the dispensing of the latter coming to a halt during the war when the raw material was. presumably. required for the war effort.

After the war Lady Rama Rau was elected *President* of the All India Women's Conference for one year. and her contrywide travels continued apace. While on her journeys she had her fill of seeing the miseries inflicted on women by the bearing of children year after year and in the most dire circumstances.

But she did not want family planning to remain the responsibility solely of women's organizations; so, in 1949, under her guidance and leadership. the Family Planning Association of India (FPAI) was formed and it quickly grew.

When the government set up a commission to formulate development plans. Lady Rama Rau lobbied successfully for the FPAI to have a voice on it; and. when the plan was announced. family planning was high on the agenda.

After a succession of annual conferences. which attracted much interest from overseas. the International Planned Parenthood Federation was born in 1953 with Lady Rama Rau as joint president. Her work for this organization took up much of her time and energy over the next twenty years.

She passionately believed that the cause of birth control must be advanced by persuasion and education. not by governmental coercion.

As the wife of a diplomat. she cut a fine figure among the diplomatic corps. notably in London. where her husband was deputy high commissioner (1934-8) and in Washington. where he was ambassador (1948-9).

Lady Rama Rau was associated with a number of bodies *outside the confines of India:* the International Council of Women. the International Federation of University Women and the (formidably named) International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship.

Her memoirs. entitle *An Inheritance*. were published in 1977. These she wrote with her daughter. the writer Santha Rama Rau. who survives her (another daughter predeceased her). Sir Benegal Rama Rau died in 1969.

LIEUT-GEN DIMITRIOS OPROPOULOS

Lieutenant-General Dimitrios Opropoulos. a leading opponent of the military junta which ruled Greece from 1967 to 1974. died in Athens on July 23. He was 66.

He had a distinguished military career. after graduating first in his year at the Greek military academy. Cadet Papadopoulos. who graduated fourth in the same class. never forgave his distinguished contemporary.

Shortly after Opropoulos graduated. in 1940. the Italians attacked Greece. and he was sent to the Albanian front. Here. the fledgling officer soon became battle hardened. and made a distinguished contribution to the military operations which sent the aggressors reeling back into Albania in confusion.

He won the first of his many War Crosses in these actions. and in the years that followed. was to become the most highly decorated officer in the Greek Army.

When the Germans added their steel to the ineffectual Italian effort. and overran *Greece. Opropoulos fled to* Cairo to join the Greek government in exile. and the Greek forces whuch were gathering about it. He served in the Sacred Regiment. a Greek commando force which operated alongside the British Eighth Army in North Africa.

Subsequently .he fought in the Italian campaign. and when. in *1944*. the Germans began withdrawing from Greece in the face of the threat from the Russian advance in eastern Europe. he commanded mopping up operations among the islands.

After the war. by now a veteran. he rose to senior appointments. and by *1967* was director of the war school in Athens.

When his former cadet school classmate. George Papadopoulos. seized power in a military coup in 1967. one of his first acts was to dismiss Opropoulos. One of *the reasons* was the *latter's* known character as a man of integrity and a staunch supporter of democracy.

Another was Papadopoulos's long-smouldering jealousy of the man who had beaten him to the sword of honour at the academy all *those years before.*

Opropoulos was exiled to Lesbos. an island which. ironically. he had liberated during the war. and of which he was an honorary citizen. Here. he appears not to have been ill-treated.

In 1969. while diving into the sea. he hit a submerged rock and was severely injured. *He* was allowed to go to London for treatment. and while there. he formed a movement whose aim was to unify the various anti-junta elements in exile. These. as so often happens. were expending as much energy quarrelling among themselves. as working to encompass the downfall of the tyranny at home.

While in London he was stripped of his Greek citizenship by thge junta.

When. in 1974. the junta collapsed into the vacuum created by its own moral bankruptcy. Opropoulos. returned to *Greece*. where he was given a hero's welcome by large crowds at Athens airport. His citizenship was restored to him. and he was promoted to field rank.

His injuries prevented him from resuming an active military career. and he went into honorable retirement.

He died in hospital on the eve of the 13th anniversary of the downfall of the junta.

MISS G. CERIS JONES

Miss G. Ceris Jones. who has died at the age of 80. had a formidable career in nursing. much of it spent teaching.

Gwyneth Ceris Jones was born at Bangor on November 15. 1906. a schoolmaster's daughter. Her early wish to become a nurse was strengthened by the sight of trained nurses who lived in the house during her mother's serious illness.

She was educated at Bangor County School for Girls. and in 1929 was accepted as a student at the Nightingale Training School. St Thomas' Hospital. although she was not quite 21. which was then the *lower* age limit for student nurses.

At her Matron's suggestion. she went on after training to take her Sister Tutor's Certificate and Diploma in Nursing. for although at that time she herself was not greatly drawn to it. the Matron wanted her to *specialize in teaching.* She spent twelve years altogether at St Thomas'.

Five days after war broke out she was serving with Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve) in a field hospital near Dieppe.

On her last night in France. at the end of a two-day run with an ambulance train. she was woken from an exhausted sleep at 4 a.m. and told that she could bring home only what she could carry. Taking stock. she realized with dismay that in her sleepy confusion the only thing she had grabbed was her uniform.

After serving for a short time in Northern Ireland. she resigned for family reasons and was appointed sister-in-charge of the Leys School Annexe to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Cambridge. whose patients included soldiers and "evacuees".

In 1943 came her appointment to the London Hospital. first as assistant matron in charge of various annexes. then in charge of planning the practical training of nursing students at the main hospital.

Four years later she was appointed Matron of the *Westminster Hospital* and *in* 1951 returned to the London *Hospital* as Matron. in which post she was responsible for 500 student nurses. Like all the best teachers she always gave the impression that she *was more willing to learn than* to teach.

Miss Ceris Jones herself was the very opposite of the "dragon matron" and she established close contacts with both students and staff. There she remained for the next ten years. retiring in 1961.

Then. in the following year. she was appointed Chief Nursing Officer with the British Red Cross Society and dealt with all Red Cross matters affecting nursing. On her second retirement in 1970 she was awarded the highest Red Cross distinction. the Florence Nightingale Medal.

She was also a director of the National Council of Nursing of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and honorary treasurer of the International Council of Nurses.

Those who knew Miss Ceris Jones will remember her soft voice and impressive personality. She spoke fluent Welsh and had the dark hair and the complexion of her race. Proud of her nationality. she was a member of many London Welsh societies.

In retirement she resided at Diss. near her close friend and predecessor at the London Hospital. Clare Lady Mann. until 1980. when she returned to her family home at Bangor.

DR ARCHIBALD CALLAWAY

Dr Archibald Callaway. who died on July 16 at the age of 69. was an authority on educational planning. and the United Nations Educational. Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) representative in Nigeria — a country to the well-being of whose people he dedicated much of his life.

Archibald Charles Callaway was born on December 22. 1917. at Timaru. New Zealand. He was educated there at Christchurch West High School and at Canterbury University College.

During the war he served with the New Zealand forces in North Africa and Italy. reaching the rank of captain and taking part in the battles of Sidi Rezegh and *El Alamein. He* was twice wounded.

After the war he went to St John's College. Cambridge. from where he graduated in economics in 1949. For the next three years he did research at Balliol College. Oxford. where he was also captain of the college cricket team.

It was at that time that he met and married Helen Lund. an American. With his wife he went to the United States and received his doctorate from Harvard in 1959.

That same year he went to Nigeria to do research as a member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Centre for International Studies. For most of the rest of his life — apart from six years during the 1970s when he was research associate at Queen Elizabeth House. Oxford. and a senior associate member of St Antony's College — he lived and worked in Nigeria. a country and people he grew to love.

For many years he was associated with Ibadan University where he was research professor at the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (1967 to 1972). He travelled extensively within the country. often in remote areas. and carried out detailed and voluminous research. especially in education and youth employment.

In 1978 he was appointed leader of the UNESCO educational planning team at the *Federal Ministry of Education*, Lagos. He served also as UNESCO representative. He worked with the Federal and State government to expand and restructure all levels of education in Nigeria including the implementation of universal primary education.

Callaway gained the respect and friendship of Nigerians for his hard work. his generosity. *encouragement* and enthusiasm.

He is survived by his wife and by their daughter and three sons.

LORD TREND

Lord Zuckerman, OM. writes: Would you allow me to add a few words to the obituary (July 22) of Lord Trend?

He was all the things you show him to have been. But he was more as well. for behind the occasional impression of a certain aloofness was a *re*markably warm and friendly person. and one full of humour.

As Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government we were close colleagues for ten years. In teaching me the ways of the Cabinet Office. and in his dealings with my staff. he could not have been more kindly than he was.

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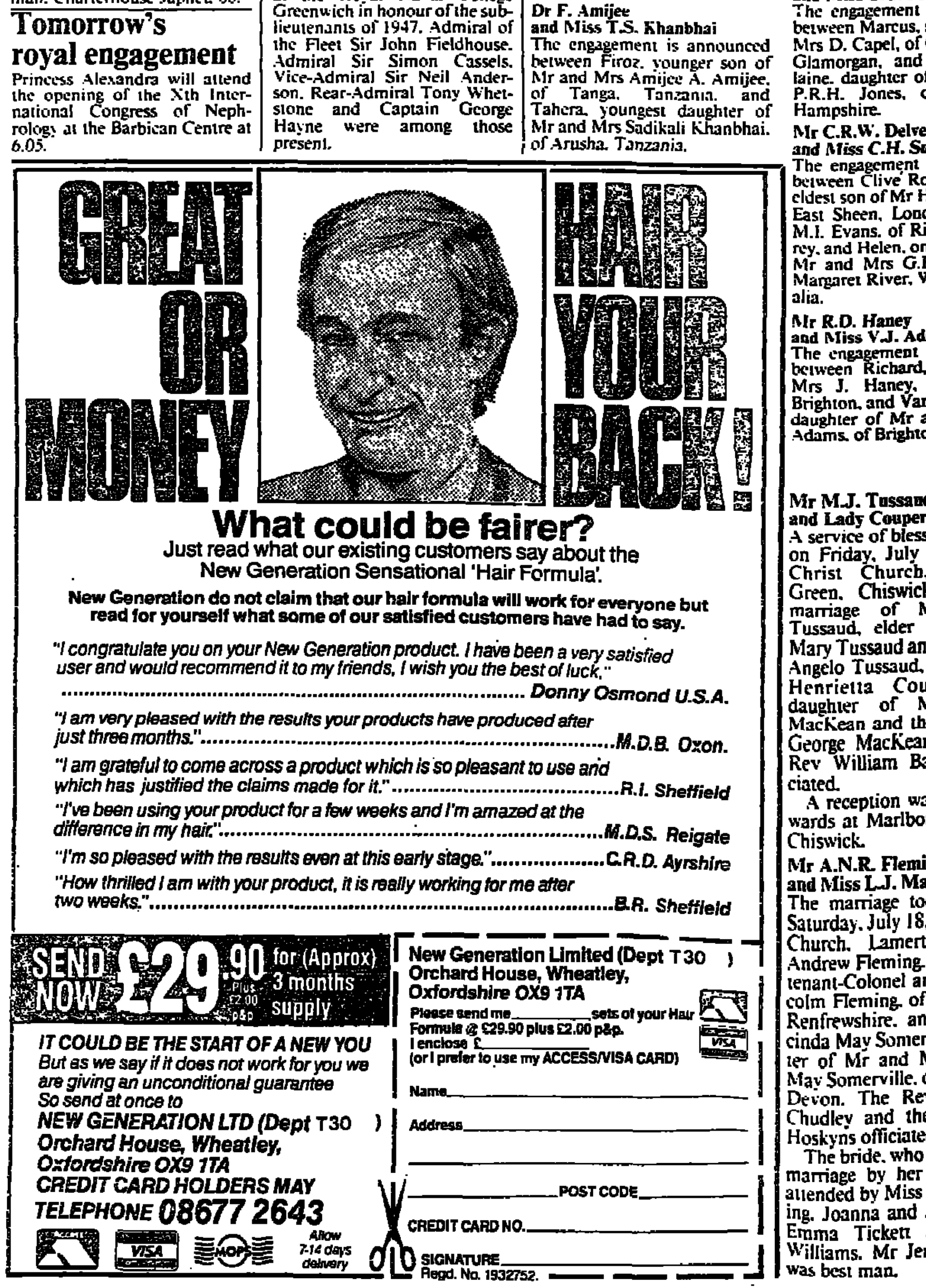
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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name.
Nehemiah 1 : 11

BIRTHS

ATKINSON-WILLES - On Thursday July 23rd, at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, to Mandy (née Bryant) and Richard, a son, Benjamin.

CAULFEILD - On July 23rd, to Penny and James, a daughter, a sister for Harriet, Victoria and Frances.

CUFF-BURNETT - on Monday July 20th, 1987 to Susan Cuff and Robert Burnett a son, Thomas Christopher. Sincere thanks to all staff at U.C.H

EDELSHAIN - On July 23rd, in London to Yasuko (née Okada) and Martin, a daughter, Deborah Sonoko, a sister for Benjamin.

FENTON - On July 23rd, at Reading, to Sarah (née Coles) and David, a son, James William.

LEIPER - On July 16th, 1987, at Prestwick, to Fiona and Graeme, a son, Hamish Alexander.

LEMANSKI - On July 1st, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Alex (née Dawes) and Philip, a son, William Montague, brother to Max, Olly and Hugo.

LEWIS - On July 21st 1987, at Kingston Hospital, Surrey to Sally (née Geeson) and Richard a son, Christopher Kerr, a brother for Barney and Hayley.

OWEN - On July 18th to Eiddwen (née Phillipps) and Clive, a son, David James.

SHAW-STEWART - On July 21st 1987, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, to Jennifer (née Braganza) and John, a son, Phillip Elon Braganza.

SIMPSON - On Tuesday, July 14th to Liz and Paul, a son, Thomas Oliver Mark Alan. Thank you to all the nurses in Romney Ward at Maidstone General Hospital.

WIESE - On July 18th, at the Portland Hospital, to Mary Jo (née Gwin) and Edward, a son Robert John.

WILLIAMS - On July 8th, at Basingstoke District Hospital, to Linda (née Parr) and Huw, a son, David George, brother to Owen, Jennifer and Sarah.

WOODS - On July 23rd, to Susie (née Harlock) and Timothy, a daughter, Katie Alexandra Hamersley.

MARRIAGES

FORBES ADAM:ROPNER - On Thursday 23rd July at York, between Mr Nigel Forbes Adams and Mrs Malise Ropner.

DEATHS

CORCORAN - On July 20th 1987, at City Hospital, Nottingham, after a long illness, Hilda Patricia (Pat) aged 60 years, beloved wife of James Vincent Corcoran OBE, BE (NAT), C Eng, MICE and Mother of Nicholas and Simon. Requiem mass was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, West Bridgford, 9.30 am, Thursday July 23rd, followed by funeral service.

GIBBS - On July 19th 1987, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Mary Victoria Randell, aged 6 months. Dearly loved daughter of David and Philippa.

MASSY-BERESFORD - On Tuesday July 21st, 1987, peacefully, aged 91 years, Brigadier Tristram Hugh (Tim) Massey-Beresford D.S.O. M.C. Beloved father of Patricia, Michael and Christopher and grandfather of Penelope, Timothy, Elizabeth, Nicholas and Helen. Cremation private, family flowers only please. Donations to Army Benevolent Fund or Rifleman's Aid Society. Memorial Service at the Light Division Chapel, Sir John Moore Barracks, Winchester, on Thursday September 24th, 1987, at 3.00pm.

McWHIRTER - On July 23rd, 1987, Carole (née Eckert) beloved wife of Norris and mother of Jane and Alasdair, peacefully at home. Funeral service at Marlborough College Chapel on Thursday, July 30th at 11.15am and afterwards at the Manor House.

MELVIN - On July 23rd 1987, peacefully at home, Robert William McIntosh, C.B.E., B.Sc., F.I.C.E., F.I.W.E.M., a much loved husband and father. Cremation service at Canford Cemetry, Bristol on Wednesday July 29th at 11.00am. Family flowers only.

NORRIS - On July 23rd 1987, peacefully at home in Sussex, Edna Marjorie in her 90th year. Dearly loved by all her family and friends. Funeral service at St Nicholas Church, Middleton-on-Sea, on Tuesday, July 28th at 2.30pm. Cut flowers only to, F A Holland & Son, 35-37 Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, Tel 0243 827311.

PERCEVAL - On July 21st, after long illness staunchly resisted, Hugh, dearly loved father of Michael, grandfather of Francesca and Hugo, father-in-law of Alessandra. Requiem Mass at 7.00pm on August 3rd at Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, 63 Burkes Road, Beaconsfield.

SMITH - On July 22nd 1987, at the Copper Cliff Hospice, Brighton, aged 63, Artist and independent spirit Edward Lionel, peacefully and with courage, dignity and humour. He will be missed by his loving daughter Amanda, son Barnabus, his brothers and sister in the United States, other members of his family and many friends. Funeral service at St. John the Baptist, Bristol Road, Kemp Town, Brighton at 10.00am followed by burial on Friday 31st July. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Copper Cliff Hospice or to Cancer Research.

SNOW - On July 23rd 1987, at home, peacefully after a valiant struggle, Lt Cdr. Peter Snow RN Retd. Beloved husband of Betty, dear father of Niccola, Max, Jonathan and Toby, and father-in-law of Paul, Joanna, Charlotte and Katy, and adored grandfather of Pippa and Harry. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Gillingham, Dorset on Tuesday July 28th at 2.00pm. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, for Gillingham Community Nurses Fund, may be sent to, Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset, Tel: 07476 2494.

VETTIGER - On July 20th, peacefully Cyril Arnold Vettiger, respected Management Consultant of Cuckfield, Sussex. 'Barney', much loved husband of Patricia and father of Suzy, Lisa, Stephanie, Katherine, Timothy, and Philip. Very sadly missed by family and friends. The funeral is to be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 28th July, at St. Peter's Church, Ardingly, Sussex.

WATMOUGH - On July 23rd 1987, in South Woodford, Ethel Florence aged 93, widow of Gerald. Beloved mother of David and Brian and the late Dr. Gerald Watmough.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

WOOLLETT - Alice. Died July 26th 1986, aged 40. Greatly missed. Liz, Malcolm, Sophie and Hester.

£313,500 for secret treaty

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The draft of the Secret Treaty of Dover between Charles II and Louis XIV of France was sold, together with associated papers, at Sotheby's yesterday for £313,500 (estimate £300,000-£350,000) on behalf of Lord Clifford of Chudleigh.

His ancestor, Thomas, first Lord Clifford, was Charles II's most trusted minister. The secret treaty which could have lost the second Charles his head like his father before him, was secreted by Lord Clifford, along with other papers pertaining to the deal, in a seventeenth century oak travelling desk. It was only found in 1830.

Under the treaty Charles undertook to turn Britain Catholic, by force of arms if need be, to go to war with the Dutch and to support Louis's Spanish claims

The sale of the treaty has been pending for several years. Lord Clifford first turned to Christie's to negotiate a sale to the British Library. But later Sotheby's suggested that it might be worth a good deal more and took over the task of negotiating a sale to the nation. It was only when this fell through that it went for auction.

Sotheby's said yesterday that it had been bought by a private collector but would not indicate his nationality. If the buyer wishes to take the papers abroad an export licence will be required and would probably not be granted unless the British Library was unable or unwilling to match the sale price.

In contrast, the vast correspondence of the first Duke of Manchester, a leading diplomat at the courts of William and Mary, Queen Anne and George I, found no buyer and was left unsold at £45,000 (estimate £60,000-£80,000).

The two day sale totalled £1,462,087 with 10 per cent unsold.

Science report

Shedding a little light on a double quasar

By Robert Matthews

Few phenomena excite astronomers more than the discovery of a companion to a celestial object. Observations made of the effect of the parent object on its satellite enable a host of astrophysical data to be derived, often solving mysteries that seemed impenetrable before.

Now astronomers at the European Southern Observatory claim to have found a pair of the most enigmatic objects in the universe: quasars.

Quasars are thought to be the central regions of galaxies in which extraordinarily violent events are taking place. Small yet so luminous they outshine the stars in their host galaxy, quasars lie in the far reaches of the observable universe. Their behaviour remains, as yet, unexplained.

The discovery of a binary quasar by a joint European and American team using a clever combination of optical and radio observations promises to shed light on some of these mysteries.

Using the ESO's 2.2 meter telescope at La Silla, Chile, the astronomers discovered last December that a quasar lying about 12 thousand million light years away, in the constellation Crater, was in fact two sources lying close together.

Observations of their spectra made a few days later with the Multiple Mirror Telescope in Arizona showed that the second object was also a quasar, and was indeed close to the principal source, rather than simply lying in the same line of sight.

But the astronomers were aware of a trick that Nature can play on anyone looking for binary quasars: the gravitational lens effect.

This is a phenomenon predicted by Einstein's theory of gravity, the General Theory of Relativity, which has been observed on a number of occasions, causing what appear to be double quasars.

In travelling across space to reach telescopes on Earth, light from a single quasar can pass by a large galaxy lying between us and the quasar. According to Einstein's theory, light is bent by gravitational fields. As a result, the rays passing to either side of the galaxy are bent in such a way as to give the impression of coming from two separate sources.

However, since the rays originate from the same object, the gravitational lens effect gives two quasar images that are identical whether viewed at optical or radio frequencies.

Two separate but gravitationally bound quasars are, on the other hand, virtually certain to differ in some respect. So the ESO astronomers called in colleagues at the Very Large Array (VLA) of radio telescopes near Socorro, New Mexico.

The VLA revealed that, when viewed at radio frequencies, one of the quasars visible at optical frequencies disappeared altogether. This is impossible by the lens effect, so the conclusion, backed up with differences found in the spectra of the two objects, is that they form a genuine binary pair of quasars.

Having proved that they have discovered the first such binary, the ESO astronomers are now exploiting the fact to work out what they can about the nature of the two objects.

Using Newton's law of gravitation and observations of the speed with which the two revolve about their centre of gravity, the total mass of the pair has already been calculated to be about the same as that of a typical galaxy: 100 thousand million times the mass of the sun.

Services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M: 11 S Euch. Three voices (Byrd). Look down O Lord (Byrd). Bishop of Dover: 2.30 Major Mannock wreath laying ceremony: 3.15 E. Responses (Piccolo). Cleobury in G major. Quatre petites prieres (Poulenc). Canon W H Vanstone: 6.30 ES. The Dean.

YORK MINSTER: 8. 8.45 HC: 10.15 S Euch. Messe Solennelle (Langlais). Love bade me welcome (Williams). Canon M Bowering: 11.30 M. Britten in C. Responses (Morley): 4 E. Bairstow in D. And I saw a new heaven (Bainton). Very Rev J Southgate.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M: 8. 11 HC. Missa in Augustiis (Haydn). Ave verum corpus (Mozart). Rev K Woolcombe: 3.15 E Responses (Smith). St Pauls' Service (Howells). Bring us O Lord God (Harris). Rev M Thomas.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10.30 M. Britten in E. Ubi caritas (Durufle). Canon B Hebblethwaite: 11.40 S Euch. Mass for four voices (Byrd): 3 E. Blair in E minor. Blest pair of sirens (Parry). Canon D Gray: 5.55 Organ recital: 6.30 ES. Canon A Harvey.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch. Mass of St Mary Magdalen (Willan). O sacred feast (Willan). Surely He hath borne our griefs (Lotti). Canon R Garrard: 3 E. The Short Service (Morley). Lord let me know mine end (Greene). Canon G Parroll.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7. 8. 9. 10.30. 12. 5.30. 7 SM. Missa sine nomine (Grandi). O veneranda Trinitas (Handl). Dominus Jesus (Palestrina): 3.30 V.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8. 10. 12.15 6 LM: 11 HM. Fr Louis Scerri.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 S Euch. Missa Brevis (Haydn). Bishop of Rochester.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11.15 M. Macpherson in E. The Great Lord of Lords (Wood). The Chaplain: 12.30 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 M & HC. Laudate Domine (Tye). Rejoice in the Lord alway (Redford). The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M: 12 HC. The Life Guards. The Chaplain.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC: 11 M. Boyce in C. Lord let me know mine end (Greene). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP. Responses (Rose). Williams in G. Dyson in D. Mass in B minor (Bach). Vox ultima Crucis. (Davies). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9. 12.15 HC: 11 M. Stanford in C. Beati Quorum via (Stanford). Rev M J Stokes.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 M. Sumsion & Davies in G. O clap your hands (Gibbons). The Chaplain: 3.30 E. O let me at thy footstool fall (Pearson). Walmsley in D minor. Praise the Lord, O my soul (Wesley).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch: Rev M Beech: 4 E. Rev P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8. 5.15 LM: 11 HM: Missa Sanctae Martae Magdalenae (Webber). O Thou the Central Orb (Wood). Rev W H Taylor: 6 E & B. Wood in E flat. Te lucis ante terminum (Gardiner). The Vicar

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC: 11. Rev J Stott: 6.30. D Turner.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8. 12 HC: 10 Children's Service: 11 M. Preb L Thomson: 6 E Preb L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC: 11 MP & HC. Rev D R Watson.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC: 11 S Euch: Coronation Mass (Mozart). O God thou art my God (Purcell). The Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30. (1662): 10.30 HC. (ASB). Rev N K Lee: 6.30 ES. Rev J A K Millar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30. 12.05 HC: 11 MP (1662). Rev M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30. 12.10 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Rev Keith Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30. 11 SM. Missa Sancti Albani (Kirby). Love bade me welcome (Williams). Rev J B Gaskell: 5.30 LM.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC (1662): 11 M & Euch. Communion Setting (Stanford in C). Rev H Sonder: 6.30 E. Responses (Statham). Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis (Stanford in G). Beati quorum via (Stanford). O thou the central orb (Wood). Hail gladdening light (Wood).

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC: 11 S Euch. Missa de Angelis. Ave Verum (Byrd). Rev Bill: 6 E & B.

ST CYPRIAN'S, Clarence Gate, NW1: 10.30 M: 11 SM. Rev D White

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion: 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch. Darke in E. These hours (Croft). The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, Gower St, WC1: 8. 12 HC. 11 MP. Rev P Galloway: 6.30 EP. Rev G C Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch. Four part mass (Byrd). Rev J Paul.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC: 11 Patronal Festival. Rev M Bunker: 6.30 EP. Rev M Parker.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch: 6 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC. 10.30 S Euch. Mass in G minor. (Williams). O taste and see (Williams). Rev J Haselock: 6 E. Service in E (Watson). The Twelve (Walton). Faire is the heaven (Harris). Rev D Perkins.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, St John's House, NW8: 8 HC: 9.30 Parish C. Rev A Walmisley: 11 S Euch. Darke in F. Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow). Rev A Walmisley: 6.30 E. The Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC: 10.30 MP & HC. Schubert in G. Wash me thoroughly (Wesley). Rev B Dodsworth: 6.30 E. In pace (Blitheman). Rev D R Watson.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15. 12.15 HC: 11 M & Sermon. Rev Canon I Hardaker.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC: 9.45 Euch. Rev J Witheridge: 11.30 MP. Rev S Roberts: 2.45 Chinese Service: 4.30 E. Preces & Responses (Smith). Third verse service (Batten). O Lord make thy servant Elizabeth (Byrd): 6.30 EP. Rev P Chester

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9. 9.45. 7 LM: 11 HM. Communion Service (Farrant). Anima mea (Rivafiecha). Venite comedite (Byrd). Fr B Horne: 6.15 E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8. 11 HC. Mass in D (Dvorak). I was glad (Parry). Rev D Head: 6.30 Rev R McLaren.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 11 MP. Rev D Prior: 7.30 ES & HC. Rev D Prior.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 M (1662). Praise the Lord (Scott). Responses (Tomkins). Boyce in A. The spirit of the Lord (Elgar): 12.15 HC.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8. 9 HC: 11 S Euch. Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd). This is the voice that soundeth (Oliver). Jesus Christ the Apple Tree (Poston). Rev B Newton.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Mass: 11 S Mass. Mass for four voices (Monteverdi). Great and marvellous are thy works (Tomkins). Rev P Bustin.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8. 12.15 HC. Rev A Pearce: 6.30 EP. Preb J Pearce.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8. 9 LM. 11 HM. Missa a three (Rubbra). Hymn to the virgin (Verdi). Fr G Morgan: 6 E & B. Fr R Browne.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM. Missa Ave Jesu (Oldroyd). My soul there is a country (Parry): 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11. 6.30 Rev J A Whyte.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15. 6.30. Rev K Hughes.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 SM. Missa simile est regnum (Vittoria). Hic vir despiciens mundum (Vittoria). O quam gloriosum (Vittoria).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Mass. Missa nasce la gioia mia (Palestrina). Ave Sanctissima (Verdelot).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30. 8.30. 10. 12.15. 4.15. 6.15 LM: 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7. 8. 9. 10. 12.30. 4.30 7 LM; 11 HM. Messe cum iubilo (Durufle). Exaltabo te (Palestrina): 3.30 V. Ave verum (Gounod).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: Mass for four voices (Byrd). Simile est (Morales). Fr J M Chares-Roux.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11. 6.30 Rev E Waugh.

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KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11. 6.30 Miss M Williams.

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ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC: 7 Jazz V. Rev V Frazier.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: Rev R C Gibbins

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11. 6.30 Rev R J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate SW1: 11. 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

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Tue 4 Aug 7.45pm	**ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS** Iona Brown cond/ violin Ralph Kirshbaum cello **Rossini:** Ov 'The Italian Girl in Algiers' **Beethoven:** Romance No 2 in F **Mendelssohn:** Symphony for Strings No 9 in C **Haydn:** Cello Concerto in C, **Beethoven** Grosse Fuge £9.50, £8.50, £7.50, £6, £5
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BEETHOVEN........................Overture 'Egmont'
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Tuesday 4 August 7.45pm
ROSSINI................Overture 'Italian Girl in Algiers
BEETHOVEN....Romance No 2 for violin & orchestra
MENDELSSOHN.... Symphony for Strings No 9 in C
HAYDN.............................Cello Concerto in C
BEETHOVEN..................................Grosse Fuge
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Wednesday 5 August 7.45pm
BEETHOVEN..............Overture 'The Creatures of Prometheus'
BEETHOVEN.........'Eroica' Variations for solo piano
BEETHOVEN.................Symphony No 3 'Eroica'
RUDOLF BUCHBINDER piano

Thursday 6 August 7.45pm
ROSSINI..............................String Sonata in C
SCHUBERT...................Symphony No 5 in B flat
BEETHOVEN.....................Violin Concerto in D
IONA BROWN director/violin

Friday 7 August 7.45pm
CHERUBINI........................Overture 'Anacréon'
BEETHOVEN.........................Triple Concerto in C
MENDELSSOHN........Symphony No 4 in A 'Italian'
IONA BROWN violin
RALPH KIRSHBAUM cello
RUDOLF BUCHBINDER piano

Sunday 9 August 7.30pm
BEETHOVEN................................Missa Solemnis
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KEITH LEWIS tenor
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Saturday 8 August 7.45pm
SCHUBERT.....................Overture 'Rosamunde'
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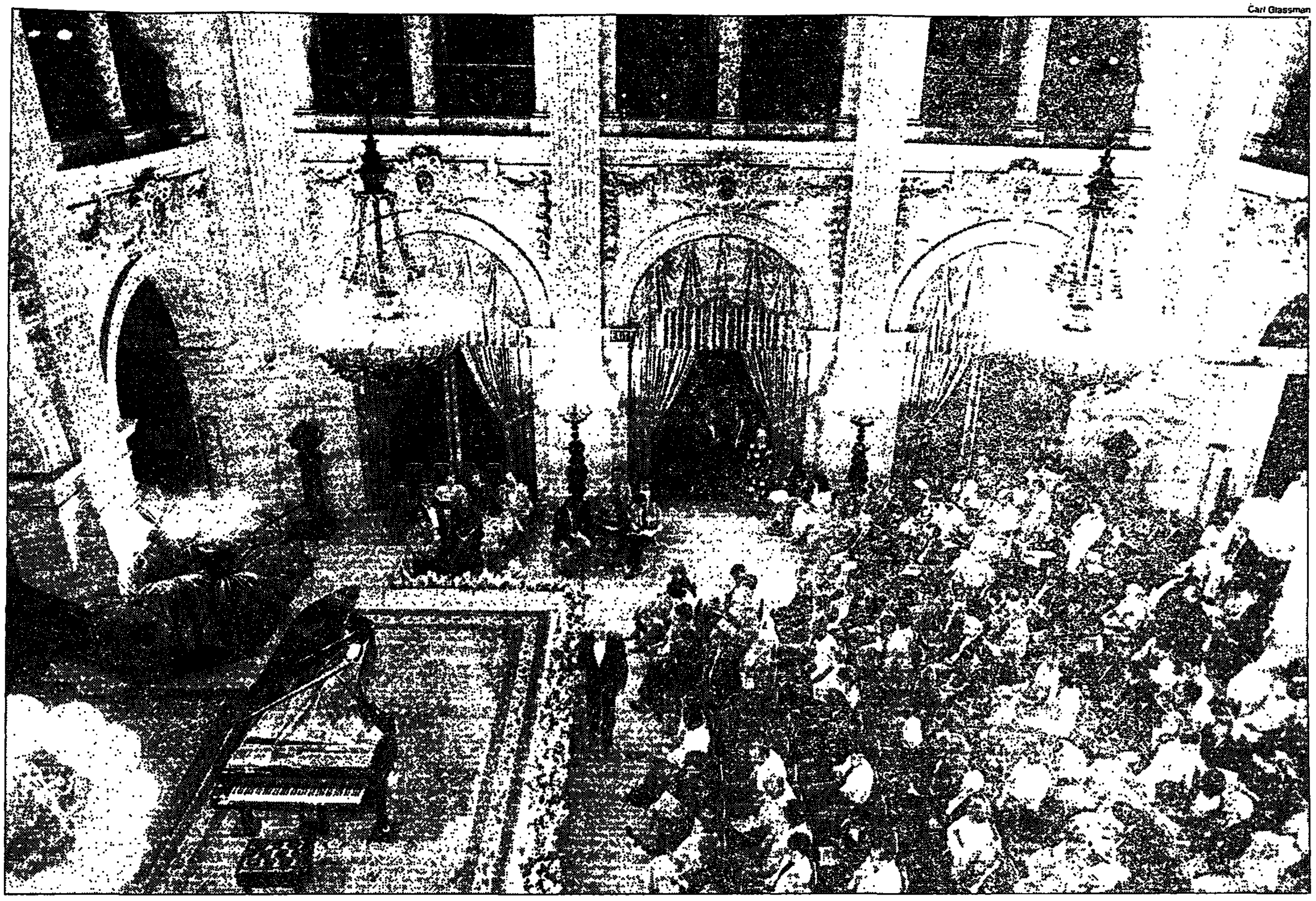

Carl Glassman

Expectations: the audience awaits the pianist in the grandeur of the three-storey ballroom at The Breakers, a Vanderbilt mansion, one of the sumptuous venues on the concert-goer's festival itinerary on Rhode Island

We are at a concert in a stately home built on a scale that Kublai Khan would have found daunting. To be precise, we are in the ballroom, which is three stories high and has a *trompe-l'oeil* ceiling of blue sky and cotton-wool clouds, presumably — no, quite certainly — because the real weather cannot be trusted to meet the owners' exacting standards at all times.

At the end of the room there is a staircase, up (or down) which a cavalry regiment with a full complement of horses and artillery could proceed in line abreast; it forks a few hundred steps up, and the twin branches continue to climb until even the keenest eye can no longer see where they go; the general opinion is that they finish on Aldebaran.

When the interval comes, we wander out on to the terrace, which is roughly the size of Yorkshire. Dusk has fallen; the air is sweet and mild; the sea can be heard gently lapping on the shore just beyond the lawn, which in turn is roughly the size of Scotland. As we gaze upon the scene, a glass of Taittinger in hand, there sails up the sky, icily, haughtily, refusing to speak to anyone without a formal introduction, the silver orb of Mrs Vanderbilt's personal private moon.

This is Newport, Rhode Island, of which it may truly be said that if it did not exist it would now be quite impossible for anyone to invent it. *Now* impossible; but its modern fame *was* invented, virtually overnight, about a hundred years ago. For Newport was the place picked by the great American "robber barons" of the 19th century to build their palaces and to fill them with their loot. Bellevue Avenue runs north-south for four miles, from the centre of the town to Rhode Island Sound, and along it, strung out like choice pearls on a necklace (and no damned nonsense about cultured ones), are the giant mansions of those giant rogues, paid for from their giant profits, and built as giant, enduring monuments to their giant pride.

Come with me down this amazing street, with its vistas of amazing mansions. We start modestly, with Kingscote, patterned after a Greek temple, though actually made of wood; then things rapidly get grander. Here, for instance, is The Elms; it is a copy of the Château d'Agnès at Asnières, built for Julius Berwind, who specialized in cornering America's entire supply of coal. Where other houses have wallpaper — that is, all over — The Elms has Louis Quatorze tapestries; it also has a golden piano in working order, and a sunken garden that could accommodate the Grand Canyon, with enough room left over for the Tuscarora Deep. For that matter — and here I stop exaggerating and present nothing but sober fact — the main bedroom is 40ft across.

Next comes Château-sur-Mer, a copy of a Loire château, only bigger. This was the William Wetmore pad; he made his millions in the China trade, and a good few millions they must have been, to judge by Château-sur-Mer, where the entrance hall is 45ft high, and the staircase up it is lined on both sides with 16th century stained glass.

And here is Rosecliff, built by the Oelrichs, whose fortune was founded on silver-mines. No mere châteaux for them; Rosecliff is a copy of the Grand Trianon at Versailles, and the ballroom is 80ft by 40ft. Beyond Rosecliff is the bijou des. res. of the Astors, where the term "The Four Hundred", meaning the 400 most fashionable folk in the United States was coined, derived from the fact that the ballroom could comfortably hold 400 dancers.

A little further, and we are at Marble House, the one where the ballroom is entirely covered in gold leaf and the dining-room (in pink marble), has bronze Louis Quatorze chairs so massive that each diner was furnished with a servant who had no other duty but to move the thing whenever the guest wanted to uncross his legs or sneeze. At Belcourt Castle, the owner, Oliver Belmont, went one better; well, several better, really. His dining room could — and did — seat 350 guests, lit by a pair of 17th century chandeliers, said to be the world's biggest (and looted from an Italian monastery); the stained glass in *his* ballroom was 13th century, and — presumably because the castle was for once not modelled on a French palace (it resembles the White House) — the ballroom fireplace was designed as a Loire château.

And here is the sea. But on the way back to town, we must make a diversion because the only one of these monsters not on Bellevue Avenue is The Breakers, Architectosaurus Rex itself, which is where the concert with which I started was taking place under Mrs Vanderbilt's moon. The Breakers, patterned after the Italian Renaissance, has 70 rooms, and it is said that 6,000 tons of marble were used for the interior alone; the ceilings are covered in gold and silver, and the outer gates, in wrought-iron, are 30ft high.

I forgot to mention that the hall door at Marble House is 25ft across and weighs 10 tons.

This is Gatsbyland; indeed, the film was shot here. But Newport is far older than the generations of newly-rich who built Bellevue Avenue. Away from the great house, the town is an enclave, almost perfectly preserved or restored, of Colonial buildings. It is nearly as old as the Pilgrim Fathers, for it was founded by a group of freedom-loving families who rejected the iron theocracy of Massachusetts and fled it for somewhere they could breathe more freely. Presumably, the fame of Newport's tolerance spread rapidly, for the first Quakers to settle in America made for Newport, in 1657; more remarkable is the fact that in the following year the very first Jews to land in the New World made their homes in this lovely place, and Newport is proud to possess the oldest synagogue in North America. On the other hand, Newport's original prosperity was built on the slave trade, in a most ingenious form. *Ships* sailed *from* Newport to Africa with cargoes of rum; the rum was exchanged for slaves, and the ships then sailed with them to the West Indies and exchanged them for molasses, from which rum is made. A cut from each side of this equilateral triangle soon built up Newport, by the middle of the 18th century, into one of the richest cities in the East. In the War of Independence, however, the town was bitterly fought over and largely destroyed; it might have become a second Boston, but is now a community of only some 30,000 people (the numbers hugely swollen in the summer by armies of visitors), resigned to being — or rather delighted to be — a charming backwater. (Newport had one more flutter of history; during the Civil War the North's Naval Academy was sited here.)

It's a sportive town, in both senses of the word. The huge harbour is crammed with yachts, some of them sufficiently opulent to suggest that the Vanderbilts and their friends have returned in their original splendour, and although there is the usual round-the-bay-for-10-dollars trade, the sailing is taken seriously; after all, this is the home of the America's Cup race. There is serious tennis, too; the Tennis Hall of Fame is a building holding not only a museum of the sport, but the country's best-known grass courts, with tournaments to match.

At first sight, the wharfs look only quaint, full of tiny shops with achingly fashionable facades; look closer, though, and you will see that they are not selling junk. A miniature art gallery houses not Grandma Moses reproductions but fine Innuit sculptures; a shop selling costume jewellery proffers not the usual mass-produced rubbish but beautiful and imaginative designs; another, full of beach clothes, eschews not only T-shirts but Bermuda shorts; and in Le Bistro there is a quite startlingly good meal to be had.

The great mansions are now owned by the Preservation Society, and kept up meticulously as tourist attractions. But there is still a vast amount of money sloshing about in Newport, even if it is not flashed about so obtrusively as it was when Bellevue Avenue was young. Gatsby would certainly still feel at home at some of the parties; indeed, he would have given most of them, and would certainly have invited the Claus von Bulows, for it was here that the remarkable events took place . . .

But now I must tell what I was doing in Newport, for I am no yachtsman, and still less a tennis-player, and the mansions of the American rich are small beer compared to my memory of the weekend I stayed at the Möet et Chandon Château de Saran and drank the stuff in every great vintage from 1911 to modern times. The clue is that concert at The Breakers; Newport, for the last 19 years, has had an annual Music Festival for a fortnight in July (in addition to the Jazz Festival in August, though that lasts only a couple of days), and it is remarkable for two reasons. The first is that the concerts are held in the palaces of Bellevue Avenue; there are three a day, morning, afternoon and evening, and we scuttle from Rosecliff to Beechwood and from The Breakers to Marble House, and sit amid the gold leaf and the stained glass and the pink marble and the view of the terrace and the lawn and the sea beyond. What price the Queen Elizabeth Hall after that?

As for the second special quality of the Newport Festival, I must introduce you, if he will stand still long enough, to Mark Malkovich the Third, who looks like a particularly amiable bear, and is one of those glorious lunatics without whom the world would not go on, and wouldn't be worth living in even if it did. He is the Director of the Festival, and has been these 13 years past, and I have offered a prize of ten thousand dollars, advertised in the local newspaper, for anyone who can walk a quarter of a mile through Newport, arm in arm with Mr Malkovich, and not be stopped at least a dozen times by citizens wanting to shake his hand and pass the time of day with him. (The dynasty, incidentally, is assured; he and his wife kept introducing me to their immense collection of handsome sons, one of whom is called Mark after his father, grandfather and great-grandfather; there is also a daughter, who will soon be the cause of an epidemic of insomnia in Newport, spread by the incessant noise of young men shooting themselves on the Malkovich doorstep in the middle of the night for hopeless love of her.)

The Newport Festival *cannot* compete for the greatest international stars with the rest of the festival-strewn world (though it did manage to bag Shura Cherkassky this year). It is always short of money, like all small festivals, but now a fairy godmother has descended upon the place, out of the rising sun; Yamaha have not only guaranteed sponsorship, but scattered pianos through the town in astounding profusion.

Armed with such confidence, Mark Malkovich has repeated the extraordinary trick he has been playing for 13 years; short of the foremost names of music, he sets himself to devise programmes so extraordinary, so rich and so rare that they can and do (and should) draw music-lovers from thousands of miles away. He ransacks the lesser-known works of better-known composers and the unknown works of little-known ones, and comes up every time (and there were 38 concerts this year) with a vast array of discoveries, revelations and astonishments, exquisitely and unerringly juxtaposed; there was hardly a bar of it all that I wasn't delighted to hear, and quite four-fifths of it new to me. (He even found some Schubert — Schubert! — that I didn't know, and a piece of Rachmaninov that nobody knows, because he found it in manuscript, unpublished, in the Library of Congress.)

Newport has one more trick to play. It is called Cliff Walk, a sufficiently explicit name. But every visitor to the town must take it at least once, because the kings of Bellevue Avenue built their palaces, for the most part, facing the sea, so that those walking down the Avenue see only the hindquarters of the mansions (imposing enough, to be sure), and for the greatest vistas they must have their backs to the water, and look across the lawns to the majestic facades.

No one builds like that any more; Forbes and Onassis and Khashoggi (and look what happened to *him)* and their like have neither the imagination nor the *self-confidence to stare down* a world in which these monsters built these monsters, and recked neither the cost nor the consequences. Like the brontosaurus and the mastodon, they have vanished utterly from the world, leaving no more than a heap of bones from which the experts deduce what they looked like. But in Newport, for a moment at dusk, they come to life, terrifying and ridiculous, unscrupulous and philanthropic, revolting and sublime. As I left, I paused for a final moment, and faintly, far off, there was borne on the breeze the sound of Oliver Belmont greeting his 350 dinner-guests, and Mrs Astor opening the ball. Half admiring, half appalled, I raised a hand in salute.

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TRAVEL NEWS

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◉ *Self-catering holiday costs in Europe are generally higher than at home, but, for the second year running, Cyprus is the cheapest destination.*

A typical shopping basket of 20 items researched by Thomas Cook, the travel agency chain, shows that what lets Britain down is the cost of wine and to a lesser extent beer. Even so, the total bill for self-catering in Britain is the second cheapest at £16.49, compared to £16.26 in Cyprus.

The Cook's list holds one clear lesson. If you like your cuppa take tea with you. At eight destinations 250g of tea costs more than £3, while in Sicily it reaches £4 and in Ibiza £6. It is 84p at home.

TRAVEL BOOKS

◉ Touring routes are a useful feature of *The Visitor's Guide to Turkey*, published by Moorland Publishing, £7.95. Its off-the-peg itineraries offer a point of departure for motorists planning journeys in unfamiliar terrain.

◉ **A guide book that goes into a fourth edition in its first year of publication must be something special. No less a traveller than Dervla Murphy says in her introduction to *Backpacking and Trekking in Peru and Bolivia*: "I just wish that my daughter and I had had it with us when we were trekking in the Andes; it would have added immensely to our enjoyment." It is written by a contributor to these pages, Hilary Bradt and published by Bradt Publications at £6.95.**

◉ How and why some villages died or disappeared while their neighbours prospered is the subject of Professor Maurice Bereford's now classic study *The Lost Villages of England*. Maps and aerial photographs of the remains offer glimpses of once-thriving communities. A gazetteer lists lost villages by county and with map references. First published in 1954, this month sees a reprint of the 1983 edition from Alan Sutton Publishing, paperback, £8.95.

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An encore to the city of frozen Mozart

Forty years on, **Pearson Phillips** returns for a new appreciation of the Baroque splendours of Vienna

It was 40 years ago that I first saw Vienna. There was rubble everywhere and not much to eat. But they had repaired the big Ferris wheel in the Prater, and put back the coloured tiles on the roof of St Stephen's Cathedral. These were apparently essential items in the rehabilitation of the Viennese soul.

Russian troops raced through the streets in trucks. The Yanks dazzled the girls, gliding round the cobbles and the pot-holes in soft, shiny limousines. But we of the British Occupation Forces were naturally of a more serious turn of mind. We attended the two-day 'Vienna Historical Course' organized by the Army Education Corps.

It was my first taste of the architectural style known as Austrian baroque. I remember it being summed up as "frozen Mozart". But all those highly decorated palaces, churches and court buildings struck me then as overpowering and inhuman.

I have just been back for another look.

Vienna, at first sight, seemed little changed. At certain times of the day it can still best be described as a traffic jam surrounded by parks. Espresso bars have chased away many of the old coffee houses, but some of the originals remain. Sitting there awhile, with the world's newspapers at one's disposal, plus a cup of coffee and frequently changed glasses of fresh water, must still be among the most economical forms of entertainment known to man.

There has admittedly been a renaissance in the public transport system. Gone are the lurching Gothic trams, arenas for a constant flow of Viennese repartee and street theatre between conductors and passengers. The new, conductorless trams glide silently and speedily around the city, and there is also a new, efficient, age-of-enlightenment subway system.

There is a subtle change in the Viennese themselves. Austrians enjoy being friendly and like to be liked. But national self-esteem has recently suffered the twin blows of the wine scandal and international reaction to the Waldheim affair. "What do people in Britain think about our President?" was the question which kept coming up in cafe coffee houses or Nussdorf wineries. Some of the old cocky Viennese confidence (which gets on the nerves of Austrians from the provinces) seems to have gone.

The whole story of modern Vienna and the great baroque explosion began with the defeat of the Turks who were laying siege to the city in 1683. The diminutive Prince Eugene of Savoy routed the Ottomans and made Vienna the secure centre of a great Empire. It was fortunate that an architect with the right triumphant mood was on hand. J B Fischer von Erlach studied in Rome and brought a flavour of Bernini back to Vienna. The Schölbrunn is his attempt to give Vienna a palace to rival Versailles.

The mind begins to wander as the official guide leads the way from the Oval Chinese Room, to the Blue Chinese Salon, the Porcelain Room, the Tapestry Room, the Memento Room, the Red Drawing Room and so on. But the view of the park from the windows is superb.

I prefer the less grandiose Belvedere, which is really two palaces, Upper and Lower, separated by a formal 18th century garden. This was Prince Eugene's reward for beating the Turks. His grand receptions were held in the Upper Palace, which enabled him to slip away and get a good night's sleep in the Lower. The Upper now contains a gallery of recent Austrian art.

But Fisher von Erlach's masterpiece is the green-domed Karlskirche. The soaring arrangement of gilded clouds and rays of heavenly light behind the altar made it a suitable setting in which to listen to an orchestra attacking Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.

Also on the determined baroque addict's list must be the huge, richly decorated National Library and the Spanish Riding School, (in which the famous white Lippizaner horses can be seen most days training at 10 am).

The express to Salzburg from the Westbahnhof is, naturally, called "The Mozart". When the imperial family made the trip West from Vienna they used to break their journey at the Benedictine Abbey of Melk in Lower Austria. So did we. They will have felt quite at home in the baroque magnificence of the Imperial Chambers, ranged along the longest corridor in Austria.

Salzburg baroque, typified by Fischer von Erlach's Church of the Trinity, is on a smaller, more human scale than Vienna's. It is the difference between a spiritual City, founded and ruled by bishops, and a court centre, dominated by emperors. There appears to be some Mozart going on somewhere every evening of the year. I sat listening to a Mozart quartet in the same chandelier-hung, baroque marble hall in which Leopold Mozart, young Wolfgang and his sister Nannerl used to give concerts.

"Frozen Mozart", indeed.

Athene, the goddess of wisdom, guards parliament in Vienna

Grandiose staircase at Melk

A ceiling at Salzburg Cathedral

TRAVEL NOTES

Heritage Travellers of 21 Dorset Square, London NW 1 (01 730 9841) run cultural trips to Vienna and Salzburg. They include guided tours of the glories of Austrian baroque architecture, as well as concerts and visits to art galleries. They have a Christmas tour to Vienna from 21st to 27th December, staying at the de luxe Hotel Bristol and taking in Schönbrunnthe Hofburg and Melk Abbey. Price £840 per person. The Christmas visit to Salzburg is from 23rd to 30th December and includes three concerts as well as guided tours. Cost: £670 per person.

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Taking the plunge on the canal

Michael Young goes narrow boating on the Grand Union, and discovers that messing about in boats is fun even when the rain pours for a week

From the moment Bruno, a large alsatian, missed his footing crossing the lock gate and plunged into the foaming water, the holiday aboard a canal boat seemed set for farce. Not that there was much farce in the creature's imminent demise. I had a momentary vision of canine mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and of explaining to my two wide-eyed daughters how dangerous the water could be.

Bruno took his dive at our second lock out of Berkhamsted on the Grand Union Canal. As initiates in the art of narrow boating we were lucky to follow the canal boat Walrus through the first two locks. Its crew of two, resplendent in matching heraldic Walrus pullovers, were obviously old hands and prepared the lock on each occasion well in advance of our arrival. All we had to do was nudge our 55-foot long, pencil slim boat neatly alongside theirs with hardly room for a cigarette paper between the two of us.

Bruno spluttered and disappeared again beneath the water, dragged down by his thick, shaggy coat. His owner was by now on the verge of hysteria. Every few seconds Bruno stuck his nose above the boiling water and gasped for air only to sink again. After what seemed an age, but was probably seconds, he broke surface close enough for the owner and myself to grab a handful of sodden hair. Then with a vigorous shake and a hearty cough he bounded away. I, too, was by now quite wet . . . a phenomenon I had to come to terms with this week, for the rain fell almost continuously.

One of the most difficult things to do with a canal boat is steer it. And it can only be steered while standing in the open, which is fine in good weather.

Yet, ultimately, the weather lent a delicious solitude to the voyage. As we climbed the edge of the Chilterns from Berkhamsted to Tring Heights, our diesel chugged steadily through the eight locks up, through Northchurch and Dudswell.

The summit is contained in a long, wooded cutting where the water is still and the slopes clad in gloom. Not another boat was to be seen as we lumbered alongside families of moorhens, their vermilion and yellow beaks vivid against the jade green water, and their young spinning in paroxysms of anguish at our passing.

There were herons at almost every turn of the cutting along to Tring reservoir, their reserved gestures as they waded in the muddy shallows in marked contrast to the swans which slipped alongside our boat with equanimity.

The following day a sharp left turn slung the boat under a low narrow bridge and into the Wendover Arm. This was a serious navigational error. The Wendover Arm proved to be an ever narrowing and meandering cul-de-sac. We managed to turn round, but not until after we had grounded both ends before returning to the mainstream.

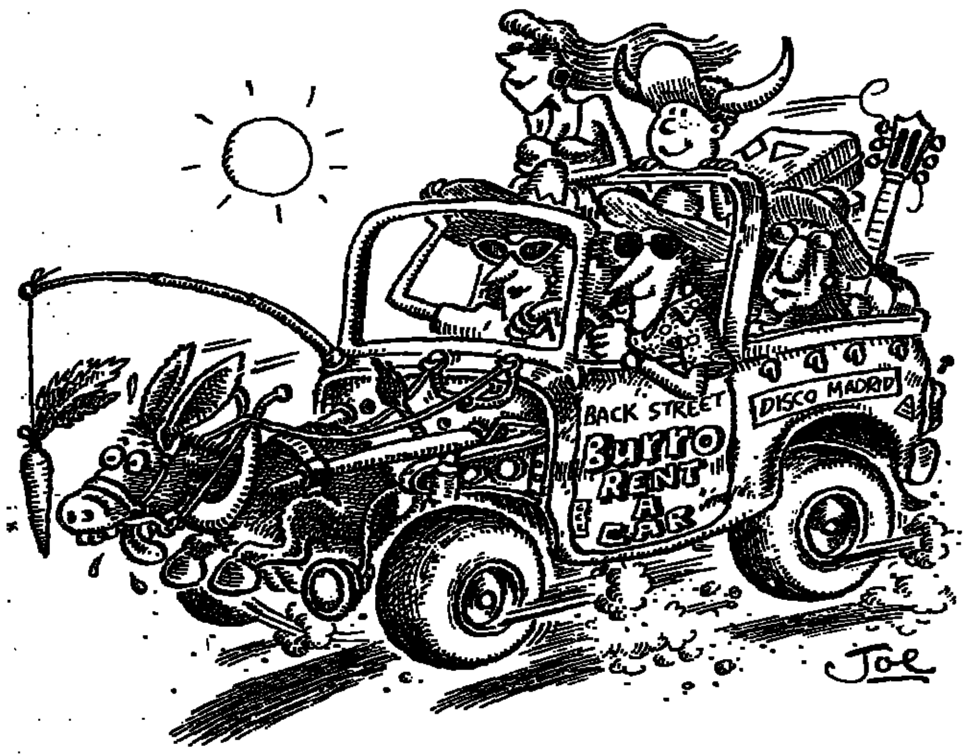
A great deal of push and shove was required to open the lock gates. On rainy days we had the canal to ourselves. Even the locks were spectator-free and our pushing and shoving was carried out in splendid watery isolation. Apologies, though, to the Sunday afternoon car rally taking place thereabouts. Each driver who screeched to a halt alongside Dudswell Lock as we cranked and heaved called to us through the downpour for a location check. By the fifth or sixth inquiry I was able to call back with confidence that this was indeed Dudswell Lock. Only later did we discover that Dudswell Lock was half a mile away.

TRAVEL NOTES

Luxury canal boats with showers, flush lavatories, television, stereo, and central heating are available from Bridgewater Boats, Castle Wharf, Berkhamsted, Herts. (04427 3615). Prices range from £250 a week for a four-berth boat in low season to £650 for an eight-berth in high season. The season runs from the last week of March through to the end of October.

Just one more heave: Hauling a narrow boat into the side on the Grand Union and (inset) aboard one of the vessels

Which are the best of the wheel deals?



Alex McWhirter examines the rival firms competing for car hire

Is it better to book car rental here at home before you set off on holiday, or when you arrive?

For many years the best deals were to be had from the little-known firms clustered round airports or tucked away in the back streets of every city.

But now the major rental firms have realized they were missing out on a large and growing market, and so today tourists all around the world are being wooed with a variety of promotional deals. This means that it is now possible to rent from an internationally respected company for much the same price as a local firm would charge.

Those who enjoy the challenge of finding the cheapest deals should be careful to check all the add-ons and that there is a breakdown service included.

Renting from international companies like Avis, Hertz or Europcar gives holiday-makers the right to expect and demand good service. It also means that the cars are likely to be newish, and if there is a breakdown, the chances are there is an efficient back-up service to get you going again. And if things still go wrong, then there's the comforting thought that the matter can be taken up with the UK office when the holiday is over.

Each firm uses its own marketing term for overseas promotional rates, such as Super Value (Avis), Europe on Wheels (Hertz), Leisure Drive Europe (Budget) and Worldwide Super Drive (Europcar). To qualify for the deals, the rental must be booked in this country for a minimum of three days. Advance booking is essential. This ranges from 24 hours (Europcar) to three days (Hertz) to as much as seven days (Avis/Budget).

Pre-payment — allow extra time to complete the paperwork — guarantees the rental charge in sterling. The alternative, settling the bill overseas with a credit card, still guarantees the special terms but not, of course, the prevailing exchange rate.

Some firms are helpful enough to offer all-inclusive rates, where the final rental charge includes the "hidden extras". Things, for example, like local tax, CDW (collision damage waiver) and PAI (personal accident insurance). Together, these extras can make a significant difference to the bill.

Final prices to any single destination can still vary considerably.

Taking Malaga as an example during the the busy month of August, there is a 30 per cent difference between the cheapest and most expensive rates for a small, group A car (Ford Fiesta or similar) for one week. Avis's quoted rate of £98 seemed the best buy. But when CDW, and PAI insurance are added, plus 12 per VAT, the rate jumps to £143.21, the costliest of the four.

Prices from the big four for a week's hire with unlimited mileage in Malaga are as follows:

Budget Leisure Drive. £109 fully inclusive of CDW, PAI and VAT.

Europcar Holiday Super Drive. £118 fully inclusive of CDW, PAI and VAT.

Hertz Europe on Wheels. £129 includes CDW and VAT. Additional charge for PAI (2100 pesetas) £10.24, totals £139.24.

Avis Super Value. £98, plus CDW (4,024 pesetas) £19.63, *plus* PAI (2,100 pesetas) £10.24 totals £127.87, plus 12 per cent Spanish VAT, equals £143.21.

If you do decide to compare local prices on arrival, knowing the rates quoted in Britain may be a useful bargaining tool. In the end, of course, prices depend on supply and demand. Obviously bargains will be thin on the ground on a Saturday morning in August, but the story could be quite different on any Wednesday in November.

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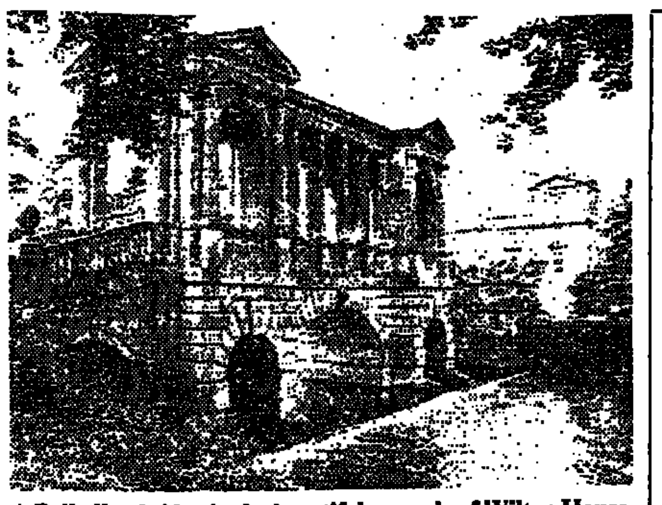

A Palladian bridge in the beautiful grounds of Wilton House

An ancient war amid the roses

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SOUTH OF ENGLAND FLOWER SHOW: Set in the delightful grounds of Wilton House, a huge floral marquee at which a number of Chelsea exhibitors will be present. Also an antique collectors' fair, trade stands and craft stalls. Arena events include parachute and falconry displays and heavy horses.
Wilton House, Wilton, Wiltshire, (072274 3115). Today, 10 am to 6pm, tomorrow 10 am to 5pm. Adult £3, child under 16 £1.30.

TATTON VICTORIAN GARDEN FESTIVAL: Today, enthusiasts' day with competitions, judging guided tours. Tomorrow, family day with entertainments.
Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire, (0565 54822). Today, tomorrow 11 am to late afternoon. Adult £1.20, child 55p.

HOLKER HORSE TRIALS: Novice, intermediate and advanced riders compete in jumping, dressage and cross country events.
Holker Hall, Cark-in-Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, (0448 53328). Today, tomorrow, 9.30am to 6pm. Adult £2, child 6-16 £1. Under sixes, free. Separate admission charge to house and motor museum.

CRAFT FAIR: Craftsmen and women demonstrate their skills and sell their produce.
Beningbrough Hall, Shipton-by-Beningbrough, York (0904 470666). Today, tomorrow, 12 noon to 6pm. Adult £2, child £1.

THE ERMINE STREET GUARD AT LITTLECOTE: Displays of Roman military life given by re-enactment society. The fine Tudor Manor house contains a superb armoury and Great Hall. You can also visit a working craft village.
Littlecote, Hungerford, Berkshire (0488 84000). Today, tomorrow 10am to 4pm. Adult £3.50, child aged 4-14 £2.50, under-4s free.

WARWICKSHIRE STEAM AND COUNTRY FAIR: Huge gathering of vintage working steam machinery plus an old time fair and circus.
Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwickshire. Today, tomorrow. Adult £2.50, child £1, car park free

KNEBWORTH SPECTACULAR: Full programme of arena events includes aerial and parachute displays, helicopter rides, wild west rodeo, side stalls and other fringe entertainments.
Knebworth, Stevenage, Hertfordshire (0438 812661). Tomorrow, 1.30pm to 5.30pm Adult £2.50, child £1.50. Admission to house extra.

ROSE WEEKEND: Gardeners' question time with television and radio gardening presenters and the President of the RNRS at 2.30pm today. Varied entertainments.
Rosemary Roses and Gregory's Roses, Stapleford Lane, Toton, Nottinghamshire (0602 491100). Today, tomorrow. Admission free.

SUFFOLK CRAFT SOCIETY EXHIBITION: Lighting is the theme for 16th annual exhibition. Fine examples of woodturning, furniture, silverware, silkscreen printing, pottery, embroidery, toys, musical instruments and, of course, lamps.
Peter Pears Gallery, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (072 885 2935). Today until Aug.1, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5.30pm daily. Admission 50p. Accompanied child free.

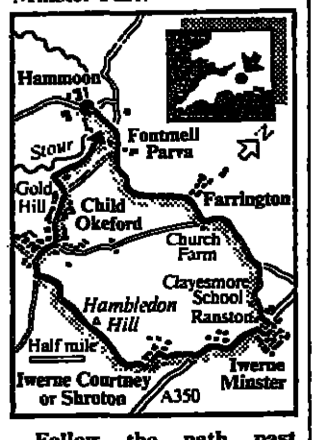
WEEKEND WALK

DORSET
Child Okeford
9 miles

This walk is in a particularly attractive part of Dorset and offers varied scenery from the lush water meadows of the Stour valley to wide hill-top views and secretive high-banked lanes, besides mellow stone villages.

From Hammoon cross the river bridge, then turn right on to a footpath across the fields and right to the road.

Pass the 1660s Fontmell Parva House and carry almost straight on, ignoring the road, down a well treed track. Reaching the road, turn left to Farrington and its tiny church. Bear left past Church Farm on to a footpath that descends to a road, left on to this road, leaving it by a Lodge right into Iwerne *Minster Park*.



Follow the path past Clayesmore School, a large house of 1878. Iwerne Minster village has numerous Victorian estate cottages as well as good older houses and a complex church. Leave Iwerne Minster south along the main road, eventually turning right on to a footpath. This soon joins a road that leads into Iwerne Courtney or Shroton whose church contains the astounding Freke monuments.

Leave the village past the walls of Ranston Park turning right shortly on to the footpath that climbs on to Hambledon Hill. The path then descends to the road into Child Okeford.

Through Child Okeford turn left past Gold Hill on to a track and then right on to a footpath through the fields and water meadows of the Stour back to the bridge at Hammoon.

Martin Andrew

Sons of the borders

The ancient town that gave birth to a motoring legend is visited by **Nigel Andrew** as it celebrates a king

For most of August the Welsh border town of Monmouth will be *en fête*, celebrating the 600th anniversary of the birth of one man.

He stands in a niche overlooking the marketplace, awkwardly posed and with a notably vacant face. He is Henry V, and he was born, on either August 9 or September 16 — no one *is quite sure* — in Monmouth Castle.

Sadly little remains of his actual birthplace, only the romantic ruins of the Norman keep, best viewed from the far side of the river Monnow. But it was indisputably here that the future Henry V was born in 1387. Monmouth seized on the importance of that fact — and its implications for tourism — as much as 200 years ago: the statue in the niche dates from 1792. Henry's 500th anniversary was celebrated with much pomp and revelry in 1887, and this year Monmouth is pulling out all the stops.

Large numbers of townspeople have been involved in putting together an ambitious community play called *Bordertown*, a panorama of Monmouth life at the time of the Owen Glendower rebellion. (It was the young Henry who put down the Welsh on that occasion, but it seems all is forgiven now.) The last performance of the play coincides with the beginning of the Monmouth Festival — eight days of revelry, much of it with a vaguely medieval flavour, including an archery contest and an ox-roast. Even the Monmouthshire Show (on August 27), a great traditional county show, will have a display of jousting.

All this seems oddly out of character for Monmouth, a town which has none of the rather twee and self-conscious quality of its neighbour, Ross-on-Wye. Monmouth has the feel of a place which works for its living and has no need to sell itself too hard to the heritage-hunters. A solidly handsome town, its history can be seem and felt in its medieval street plan and its wealth of good Georgian buildings.

Agincourt Square, the marketplace which Henry overlooks, is the centre of town, lively and full of colour. Markets are held here every Friday and Saturday (and a cattle market down by the Monnow Bridge on Mondays), and then the pubs stay open till 4pm.

The two heroes . . . in foreground Charles Rolls, and behind King Henry

The best of them are the two huge old coaching inns on the square, each with an imposing black and white Georgian façade. The King's Head is the grander, with an impressive menu — including Wye salmon and trout. The Beaufort Arms, with its lovely courtyard at the side, is faded but full of local character.

In the square, with his back turned to Henry, stands a statue of another famous son of Monmouth, Charles Rolls of Rolls-Royce fame. His mother, Lady Llangattock, was a passionate collector of Nelson relics, which she left to the town: they can be seen in the Nelson Museum on Priory Street.

Nelson mania in fact seems to have a long history in Monmouth, which also boasts a curious Temple of Naval Worthies, high on a hill called the Kymin, some two miles out of town. I recommend the walk to only the fit and willing, for it is all uphill. But when you get there the views — over nine counties — are truly astonishing.

A gentler walk follows the Wye Valley Path out of town, through fields a little *too* close to the bypass, to the lovely little church at Dixton. A beauty of Monmouth is that you can so easily walk out of it straight into the most marvellous countryside. It has not only the banks of the 'sylvan Wye', still a river of rare beauty, but also the more intimate Monnow, crossed by a justly famous bridge.

The Punch House pub

This Monnow Bridge is crowned by a feature quite unique in Britain, a 13th-century fortified bridge gate. It is a curious sight, with something about it of the walled town of Italy or France. At the start of the Monmouth Festival it will, as usual, be 'stormed' and 'broken in twain' by a supposed marauding army on their way to the celebrations in Agincourt Square.

There is much more to see in Monmouth; but it is not a town of dazzling highlights, rather a richly rewarding place to potter about in. As well as a vast number of pubs, there are teashops galore — including the Emma Hamilton Tea Rooms (restored 18th century) — and good browsing in the pedestrianized Church Street, which has an excellent bookshop (Brian Stevens).

Monmouth was ths stopping-over place on the 'Wye tour' from the 18th century on. It is still a superb town from which to tour, surrounded as it is by natural beauty and historic buildings galore, particularly the great border castles. And for this festive month, Monmouth will have yet more to offer — thanks to Henry V.

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TOMORROW

Clwyd: Quinton, Worthenbury, B5069 Malpas to Bangor 5m; 2¼ acres, wooded dingle, herbaceous borders, shrubs, heaths, ponds, kitchen garden; 2 to 6pm.

Switching on to bulbs

Francesca Greenoak suggests some gladioli and other splashes of light to brighten the summer greenery

At this time of year, as the early flowering perennials such as columbine, wallflower and brunnera bush out – gathering their strength for next year – one needs something bright to set against all the greenery.

Experimenting with a newly made bed, I found that dotting the perennials with species gladioli gives a break of colour which tides me over until the large campanulas and verbascums start to flower.

There are four European species which, further south, grow wild in hedgerows and cornfields and seem to be quite hardy in British gardens. They are similar in appearance but *Gladiolus byzantinus* is thought to be the hardiest. Its bright magenta-purple blooms, with crimson-brown tones, look marvellous against green or silvery foliage. Unlike the huge hybrid gladioli which require staking and taking up for the winter, these slender, alert species growing only to about two or three feet high, will stand alone and need very little attention.

The gladioli have settled nicely in my heavy clay but they probably won't increase as readily as they do in gardens on light, sandy soils where they spread vigorously both by seed and stolons. *Gladiolus byzantinus* likes a fertile soil, well drained and sunny. Keep them with greens and whites: they won't go with yellows or oranges.

I keep plants with yellow tones to brighten my long shady border. At this time of year day lilies *(Hemerocallis)* and Pyrenean lilies look well beside the yellow loosestrife and Welsh poppies. I used to prefer the clear colour of the old garden day lilies (*Hemerocallis citrina* and *H flava*), but I recently came across a dwarf form which looks very promising (available from Blooms of Bressingham as Stella d'Oro). It brings out its starry yellow flowers in June and continues until the frosts arrive.

I like day lilies planted to set off their individual form and scent and not in the usual dense clumps. Despite their common name, *Hemerocallis* are not true lilies but grow from a rhizome. They do not need lifting for the winter and do well in most soils, in sun or partial shade.

There are many garden alliums to choose from, so I made a visit to bulb specialist Brian Matthew at Kew to the onion family. He turned my attention to *Allium cernuum* "one of the few good alliums from North America".

This is a low-growing clustered plant with pink flowerheads, drooping prettily on stalks which turn over at their tips.

Allium giganteum is undeniably splendid with its great huge globes of lilac flowers, but it needs space to show itself at its best. One I especially like is the slender, delicate *Allium sphaerocepalum* with flower heads which start as tiny knobs and open as a rich crimson purple. Good drainage is a priority for all these alliums which should be planted in the autumn and do well given a fertile soil and a sunny position.

Brian Matthew has high regard for arisaemas, members of the arum family, which have hood-like spathes in a variety of strange shapes and colours. I think of them rather as strange curiosities rather than desirable garden plants, but could make an exception for *Arisaema candidissimum*. It has a white spathe, streaked pink at the throat which does not appear until mid-summer, when it is followed by handsome dark three-lobed leaves.

Plants are expensive and it can be difficult to find a supplier, but Brian assured me it is hardy and not a difficult plant once established in a good humus-rich soil.

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Take cuttings from scented geraniums and pot pelargonium cuttings and put them in compost in a sunny position.**
- **Make a last sowing of turnips now to provide an autumn crop.**
- **Don't neglect hanging baskets and tubs: prune overgrowth, keep hungry roots well supplied with water and step up feeding if necessary.**
- **Continue to remove side shoots of tomatoes, but do not pick off leaves above the level of fruit even if they are yellowing.**
- **Don't pick red or black currants too early; both will ripen on the bush until they are sweet enough to be eaten uncooked.**

SHOPPING

Why big shots carry their irons with them

Jill Furmanovsky

Full steam ahead: fashion stylist Nicole Beauchamp, who prepares clothes for professional models, tries out two of the irons on test. Top right: Morphy Richards steam travel iron, £13.95 (dry iron £11.95). Above: Philips Stewardess, £10.99

Nicole Swengley puts some travelling irons to the test and comes up with her hot tips and pick of the best buys

High-flying executives or well-heeled guests staying at five-star hotels can ensure a crumple-free appearance by using hotel valet services.

But what about the rest of us, who want to look smart on holiday or at a business conference miles from home? Borrowing an iron when you arrive at less sophisticated hotels with a suitcase full of crumpled clothes can sometimes be difficult or nigh impossible, so it could prove worthwhile to pack your own.

In the past, when travel irons were less advanced, they often gave a rather unsatisfactory performance. Jennifer Rosenberg, director of J. & J. Fashions and 1987 Business Woman of the Year, says: "I've never found a travel iron which works well for me and some of them are quite difficult to put together. I find it easier to hang clothes over a steamy bath to remove creases, but perhaps that's because I'm not good with gadgets in general."

Manufacturers maintain that many of the early problems associated with travel irons have been. . . well, ironed out. There is also a wider choice now between dry irons, irons with water sprays, mini steam irons and even a travel iron attachment for a hairdryer.

Perhaps the best way to assess which iron will suit your needs is to consider what you will need to iron: the length of flex and whether the controls are easy to operate, how much it weighs and what sort of space it will take up in your suitcase.

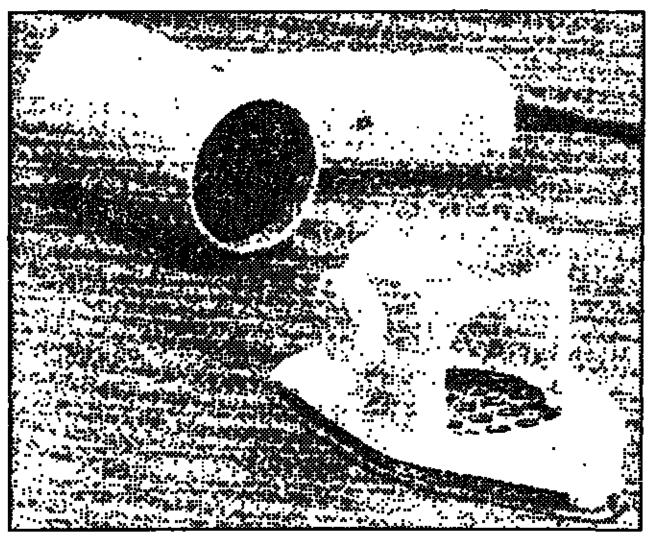
One of the best performers we found was the Black & Decker Stowaway steam iron (£14.99). As well as being easy to use, it dealt with stubborn creases and, apart from a detachable water tank, comes in one piece. But its sister, the Stowaway dry iron (£10.99), is rather awkward to assemble and needs time and substantial pressure to produce good results.

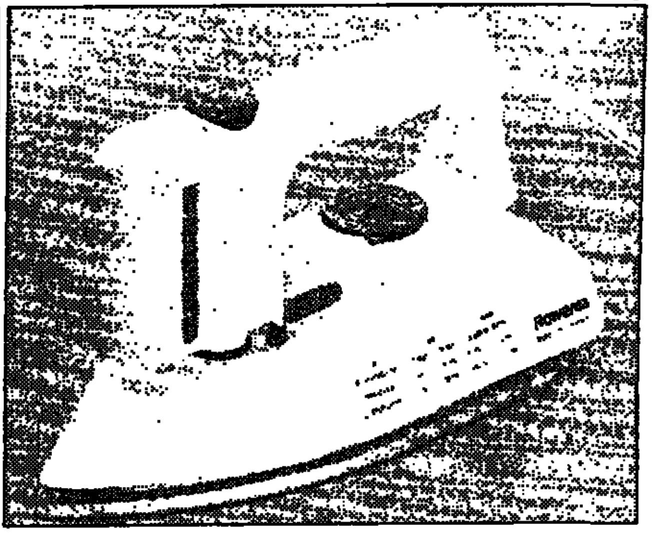
Despite the fact that its spray holds only a small amount of water, the Prestige travel iron (£11.99), performed well on creased fabrics, while the lightweight Morphy Richards iron (£13.95) gave a fairly average performance under pressure. Although very compact, the Philips Stewardess (£10.99) felt awkward to use due to its insubstantial, folding handle.

Although more expensive than the other irons, the Rowenta Travel Super (£19.99) proved its worth in handling very creased fabrics. But marks for the most original design must go to Braun's Solo travel iron attachment which fits on to the Compact 1200 hairdryer (£13.95).

We did, however, find it difficult to exert much pressure with this iron and thought it only suitable for the simplest clothes. *All the travel irons featured are available from major department stores and leading electrical retailers.*

Peter Haldane


Original design but drawbacks: Braun Compact PGC 1200 hairdryer with optional Solo travel iron attachment, £13.95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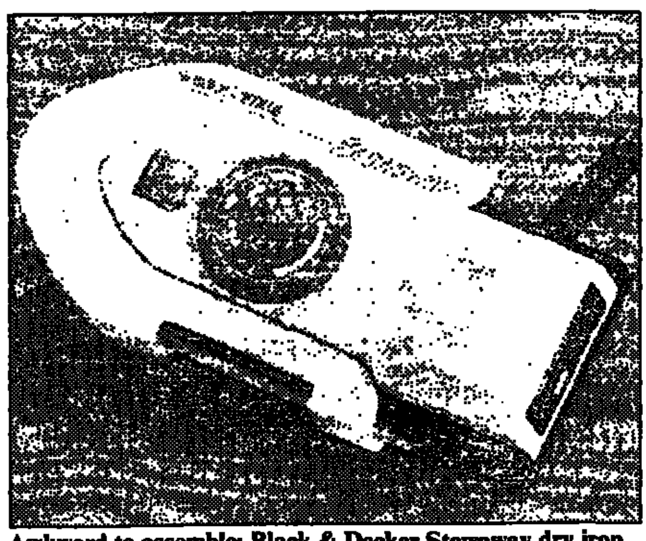
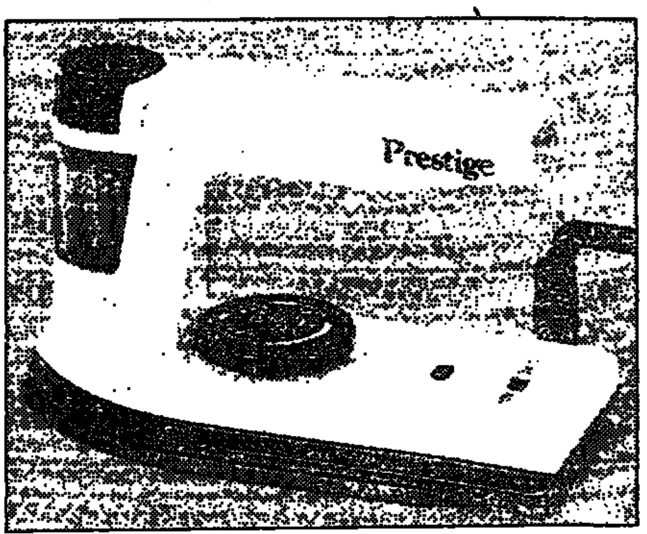

Awkward to assemble: Black & Decker Stowaway dry iron, £10.99. Steam iron, available at £14.99, got better marks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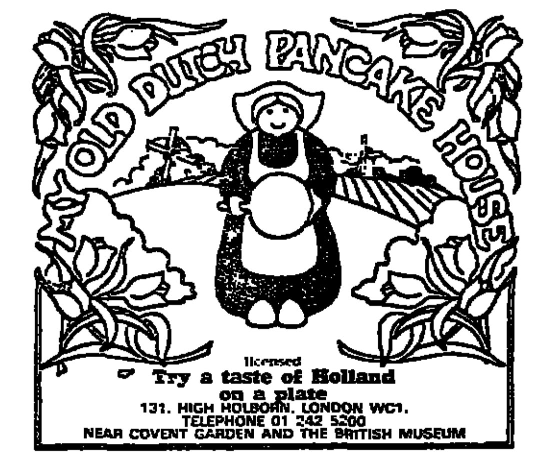
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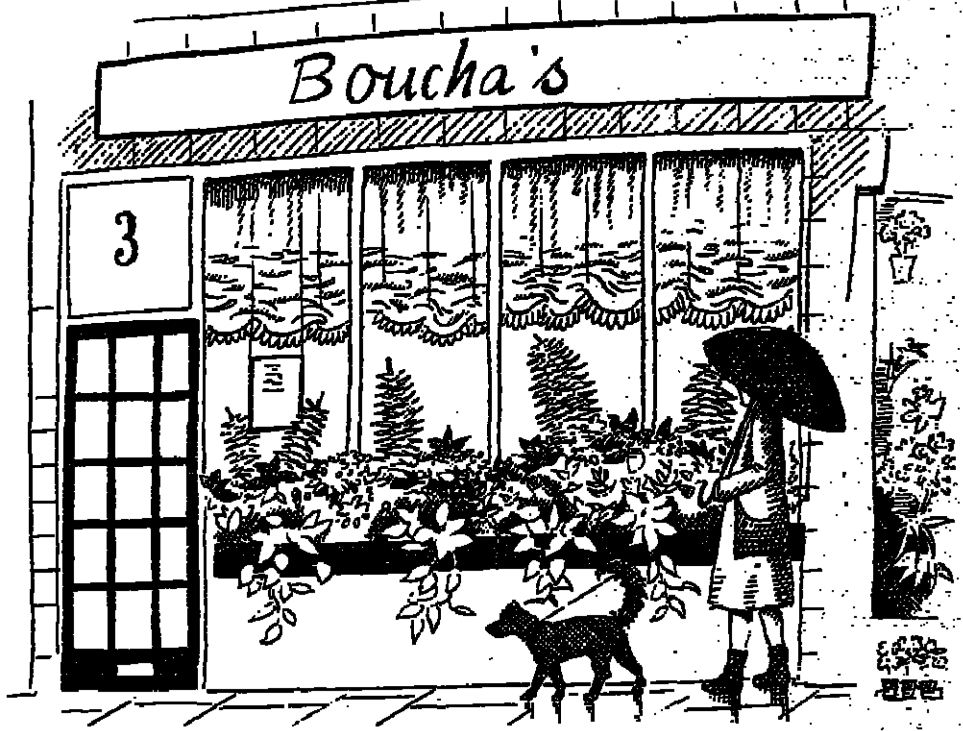
Francis Mosley

Boucha's is an exemplary case of decorative camp, by which I mean it is in earnest about its levity — it does the frivolous with conviction and wears a deadpan grin.

Its site lends it a certain shock value: West Kensington is not what you would call a colourful suburb, and its restaurants have always tended towards the functional. This place is a paste jewel in an acre of asphalt.

At a time when nearly all new restaurants are in thrall to the lure of pastels and are tensely anxious to show that they've got good taste, Boucha's is emphatically, shriekingly, yellow.

In the yellow lavatory is an aerosol can of air-freshener. Yellow. Affixed to a mirror is a moulded plastic bow, a big bow about a yard high. It is yellow. And so is the seething ruching on the walls and in the window.

The cooking is no less idiosyncratic than the decoration but at least it is recognizably of the school which takes English dishes and improves them to the point where they are no longer really English.

The cooking is no less idiosyncratic than the décor

This was certainly the case with a fish pie that comprised the lightest mashed potato, minimally browned under the grill, on top of salmon, something white, and hard-boiled egg bound in a creamy fish sauce.

I guess there's nothing very English about chicken stuffed with basil and served with a sauce of fresh, uncooked tomato relieved by salt and perhaps a little oil — still, whatever its source, it was a well made and savoury dish. So too was steak with a grain mustard sauce.

Among the starters was a dish of prawns in mayonnaise which takes a bit of nerve since it is so close in concept to prawn cocktail, though rather different in execution. The prawns had not just been thawed in boiling water, they had not even been frozen, and the sauce was a correctly made job thinned out.

Another starter was a sizeable helping of mangetout peas dressed with melted butter: very simple and very pleasant. The menu changes every couple of days.

The chef Liam Barr is, as I suggest, pretty much the master of his trade. Boucha's deserves to succeed not merely because it represents one in the eye for production-line restaurants, but because it is absolutely convincing. The bill; £45 plus for two.

Boucha's is six weeks old. **Hilaire** has been pulling an enthusiastic audience for a few years. Yet it is now effectively a new restaurant given that its reputation was based on the prowess of Simon Hopkinson who has temporarily hung up his chef's hat.

He will reappear in the autumn at Sir Terence Conran's Bibendum in the Michelin building in Fulham Road and has meanwhile been succeeded at his old stove by Brian Webb.

So far so good, or goodish. Kennedy Brooks, the restaurant chain that owns it, has obviously resolved not to bring Hilaire down to the level of most of its establishments, but whether the way to keep it up to scratch is to have Mr Webb do a Hopkinson impersonation is perhaps questionable. Still he does it to a tee.

Fine sweet cured herring and gravlax with a mousse made from horseradish and dill was one of Hopkinson's trade marks, and another well made dish of roast sweetbreads with a sorrel sauce that looked like something dredged from the bottom of a pond was firmly in his style. When this style is not followed, or when perhaps it is followed but not mimicked, the result is perfectly competent but not distinctive.

A turbo-charged pie was the most agreeable dish

Duck breast with "oriental spices" tasted very like duck breast with orange sauce and one that was too acid to boot. Another dish featuring oranges, a sweet crepe, was unremarkable; a further sweet, a three-tier construction of pear, biscuit and alcoholically-flavoured cream was much better.

Mr Webb knows how to do vegetables. He doesn't go in for modish undercook, he allows them more than a brief acquaintance with heat and steam. The most agreeable single dish was a turbo-charged pie containing chicken mousse and pesto, served on a lemon and parsley sauce.

The wine list remains impressive. The new greeter (the previous one having exited with Hopkinson) is good at his job. The overall impression is of a greater informality than reigned before. Anyone coming here for the first time will be delighted they did so; anyone coming back will be too, though almost certainly for the wrong reasons.

My bill came to £68 for two, though it would be easy to far exceed that sum.

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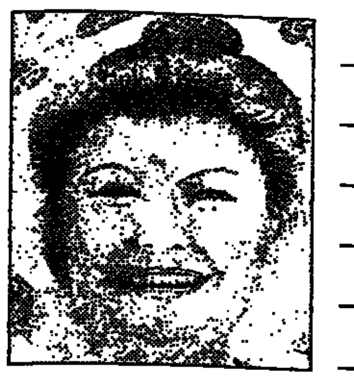
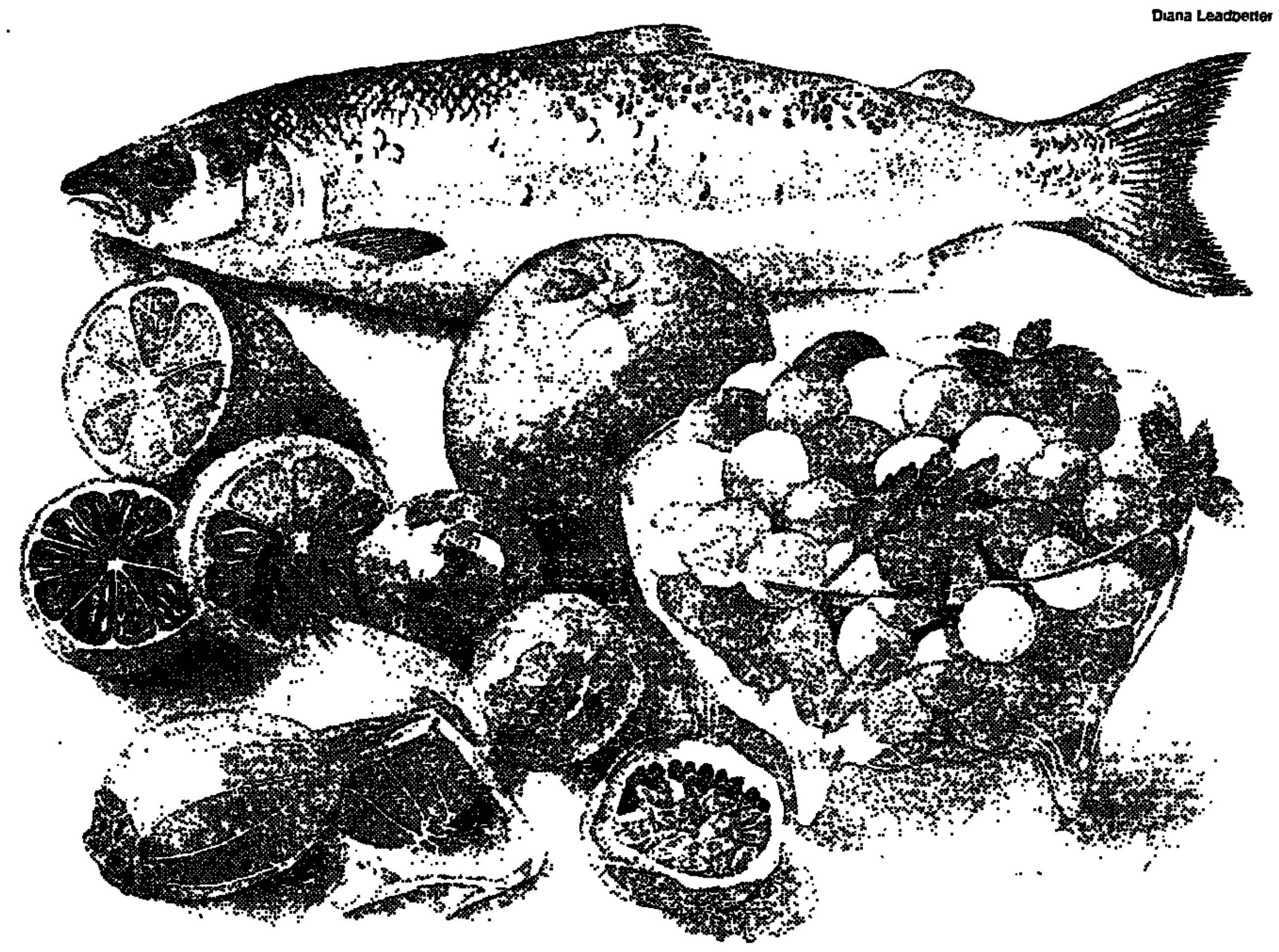


Frances Bissell cooks for the multitudes and explains how the simple recipes can sometimes still be the best



Diana Leadbetter

I'm writing this at midnight. Normally I preparedinner for the two of us but for the past week I have been cooking for two hundred. I have been invited into the kitchens of one of London's grand hotels to cook my recipes for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Once again I have been surprised and delighted at the way in which domestic recipes for four or six translate into much larger quantities, and yet the final dish produced tastes the same as it does at home.

It is exciting, too, to be able to work with quality ingredients in such large quantities. Instead of a few sprigs of elder flower for the syrup, or a small bunch of lavender for the sorbet, whole boxes of fragrant blooms. Not just six quails but 20 or 30, stuffed with tarragon, sizzling away in a large copper pot. On the other hand, sometimes small *is* best. The wonton wrappers for one of my salmon dishes come in small packs from the local Chinese supermarket, just as you or I would buy them.

Of course, I have learnt from my mistakes. Some things are simply not a good idea on a large scale. When I last did a spell in a hotel kitchen, at The Mandarin in Hong Kong, I included one of my favourite dishes on the menu, a warm salad of scallops, sole, asparagus and mangetout. Mangetout for six is fine but not topping and tailing a bushel of the things. It is a boring task at the best of times, but for three hours! So, my present menu has rather simpler dishes, not as labour intensive, I hope. The emphasis is on fresh local produce with lots of fruit, vegetables, fish — and even flowers for the sorbets and ice-creams.

At this time of year, whether I'm cooking at home or in public, I always include plenty of salmon recipes.

After Wimbledon, it comes right down in price and stays low until the middle of August. My local fishmonger is selling it for £2.70 a pound, and it will probably drop to £2.50 a pound, half the price of sole and monkfish and scarcely more than cod and haddock. "Stock your freezers up now", his notices say, but instead, I shall just serve salmon in lots of different ways over the next few weeks. Its distinctive flavour and firm texture make it suitable for many different preparations, including marinading, smoking and serving raw. I do urge you to try it raw, dressed in oil and a little lemon juice or vodka and fresh lime juice. It is utterly delicious and delicate. It is always a good idea to buy the whole fish. It is cheap and economical, giving you bones, head and bits for stock to make a lovely salmon soup, fillets for grilling or poaching and left-over pieces to make potted salmon, salmon tartare or small salmon savouries in puff pastry.

Another dish which works for two, twenty or two hundred at this time of year is melon in mint syrup. If you are making the dish in any quantity, use different types of melon then you will have a pleasing mix of colours - pink from the Canteloupe or Charentais, green from the honeydew and yellow from the Gallia.

Grilled salmon in orange butter sauce
Serves 4

- 4 salmon fillets, about 8oz/200g each, with skin left on
- 2 oranges
- 1 small onion or 2 shallots
- *salt, pepper*
- 1 oz/25g chilled butter, cut into cubes

Fillets of sea bass, sole or turbot prepared in this way are equally good. It is important that the fillets are roughly of the same shape, size and thickness.

Grate the zest from the orange on to a shallow plate, and squeeze on the orange juice. Peel and thinly slice the onion or shallot and place in a single layer on the plate. Place the salmon fillets in the marinade, flesh side down, which you have just seasoned very lightly. Marinate for 30 to 40 minutes. Heat the grill, place the fish on the rack, skin side up and grill for 5 to 8 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillet and how well done you like fish.

Meanwhile, strain the marinade into a shallow pan, cook and reduce until syrupy. Beat in the cubes of chilled butter one at a time. When heated through, divide the sauce amongst four heated serving plates and lay a piece of fish alongside it. Garnish with dill, parsley, watercress, capers, samphire or whatever you have available that is green, fresh and sharp. You can achieve a similar effect by adding a tablespoon or so of fresh passionfruit juice to the mango marinade.

Raw salmon salad

This is delicious served with a few branches of lightly steamed samphire dressed with a little hazelnut oil and lemon juice. Or with pickled samphire and brown bread and butter. If you can't get hold of samphire watercress or a delicate young spinach salad would do well. This preparation bears some relation to the famous buried salmon, gravad lax,
but does not need to marinate for nearly so long. Sometimes I marinate the fish in malt whisky in honour of the fish's ancestral home but I also like to use vodka.

Serves 4

- 2 measures (ie ⅓ gill) vodka
- large pinch sea salt
- freshly ground pepper, black or white, 6 turns of the grinder
- juice of half a lime
- dash of cayenne pepper
- pinch of sugar
- 8oz/200g freshest salmon fillet, skinned

Combine the first six ingredients in a china bowl. Trim any ragged edges from the fillet and remove all bones. Slice the fish as neatly and thinly as possible on the diagonal, as you would smoked salmon. Put the slices into the marinade and leave for 30 minutes, covered, in the refrigerator. Turn the fish once or twice to make sure that all of it has been covered by the marinade. When ready to serve, remove from the marinade and arrange on individual dinner plates.

Mushroom salad
Serves 4-6

- 1 lb/450g button or cup mushrooms
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red or white wine
- Thinly peeled rind of half a lemon, lime or orange
- ½ teaspoon coriander seeds
- 1 small onion.

There seem to exist two schools of thought about mushroom salad — one for cooking them, one for leaving them raw. Sometimes I follow one, sometimes the other. Let us cook this one. Wipe and slice the mushrooms. Heat half the olive oil in a frying pan and quickly stir fry the mushrooms: no more than a minute at most. Remove from the heat and transfer to a flat serving dish. Blend the rest of the oil with wine and pour it over the hot mushrooms. Add the lemon peel and the coriander. Stir in. Thinly slice the onion and add to the mushroom mixture. Allow to cool, chill and serve with brown bread and butter. The hot mushrooms absorb the flavour of the wine and olive oil and give off their own juices to form a delicious dressing.

Veal kidneys in Roquefort sauce

The first time I tasted this dish was at a restaurant in the Avenue Jean Jaurés in Paris, in the heart of the meat market district. Then it was made with the freshest, most delicate lamb's kidneys I have ever tasted. I have never been able to find such good lamb's kidneys here, so make the dish with veal kidneys.

Serves 4

- 1½lb/700g veal kidneys
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon mild mustard
- ¼ pint/150ml white wine or dry cider
- 2 tablespoons good stock
- 4oz/100g Roquefort

Remove the skin from the kidneys. Slice into ½in/1cm pieces and with kitchen scissors snip out the fat and gristle from the centre. Marinate for at least a few hours in the wine mixed thoroughly with the mustard, onion and garlic.

When ready to cook, heat a non-stick frying pan. Drain and dry the kidneys, reserving the marinade. Sear the pieces on both sides and cook for 3-4 minutes; the kidneys should still be slightly pink. Remove from the pan and keep warm. Add the marinade to the pan and reduce slightly. Add the stock and reduce a little more. Crumble the Roquefort and let this melt in the sauce. Return the kidneys to the sauce and heat through. Serve garnished with chopped chives or parsley.

Green beans could accompany the kidneys well. They should be steamed or boiled and served while still crisp and bright green. Some broad pasta ribbons would help soak up some of the juices.

It is very easy to overcook offal, so that it becomes tough, dry and unpleasant. I had a disaster with this particular dish when I was planning to serve it to two discriminating guests. The kidneys were cooked just a few seconds too long and I decided they were overcooked and could not be served in this way. I dashed out to the supermarket but didn't like the look of the lamb chops or the steak on sale. My husband Tom had the brilliant idea of rolling out some fresh pasta dough, chopping the kidney in the food processor, to which I added cream and herbs, and I ended up serving ravioli stuffed with kidneys, accompanied by a Roquefort sauce. It worked.

Melon in mint syrup
Serves 4

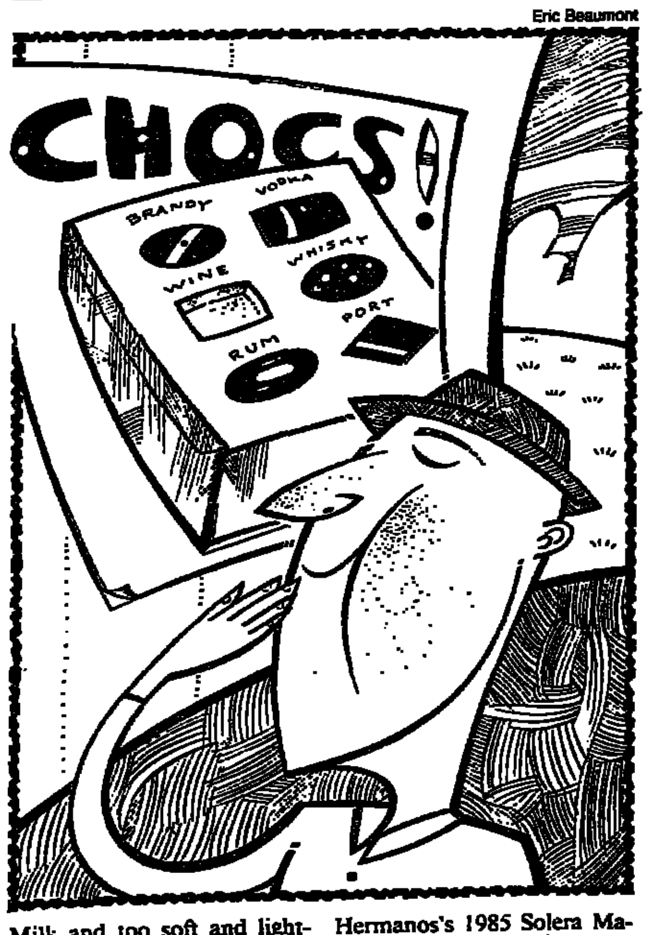
- 1 bunch (about 75g) fresh mint plus a few choice sprigs for garnish
- 3 oz/75g sugar
- 7 fl oz/200ml water
- juice of 1 lemon
- 1 melon, scooped into balls or 1lb/450g assorted melon balls

Wash the mint and strip the leaves from the stems. Put the sugar, water and lemon juice into a heavy saucepan. Heat gently until the sugar has melted, then boil to reduce by a third. Stir in the mint leaves. Boil for 30 seconds, remove from the heat and allow the syrup to cool. To extract maximum flavour from the mint, put the leaves and syrup into a blender and process for a few seconds. Place the melon balls in individual glasses or a large dish and strain the syrup over them. Chill and serve garnished with fresh sprigs of mint. Excellent for a late Sunday breakfast.

DRINK

Bitter-sweet life of a chocolate challenger

Choosing the correct wines to go with each course can be a difficult task particularly with desserts. Jane MacQuitty put some to the test



Eric Beaumont

Lunching with three friends last week in Paris at the inestimable Willi's Wine Bar, I was confronted yet again with The Chocolate Problem.

Château Magence '85, a white Graves, was fine with the intriguing crab and cucumber salad. Olga Raffault's celebrated, chilled '85 Chinon (it was a hot day), was perfect with the carpaccio. And then a decidedly English trio of puddings, just about the only evidence in this chic ex-nightclub of a wine bar that Willi — Mark Williamson — is an Englishman.

Crème Brûlée à la Cambridge, in honour of the university that created it, did not hamper my dessert wine selection process, neither did caramelized peaches or a bowl of red summer fruits, but my order for Willi's famous rich, dark, bitter chocolate slice, most certainly did.

> **I munch and slurp my way through a wide range of sweets and dessert wines**

Sauternes, its inexpensive neighbouring taste-alike Sainte-Croix-du-Mont, and Henri Rochais '79 Chaumes, Coteaux-du-Layon were the three major sweet wine choices. The Chaumes won, as both Mark Williamson and I felt its invigoratingly high acidity — balancing the wine's sweetness — would be more refreshing on a hot day. Glorious with everyone else's pudding but totally flabby and spineless with my bitter chocolate.

Back in London, armed with bars of Bournville's Plain Chocolate and Cadbury's Dairy Milk, I once again tackled The Chocolate Problem head-on, an annual event, whereby I munch and slurp my way through a wide range of chocolate and dessert wine combinations.

Round One featured a sweet white wine versus chocolate battle. First in was a pleasant half bottle of '81 Filhot, a well thought of Sauternes property, that cracked immediately when faced with the chocolate, tasting acidic with the Dairy Milk and too soft and lightweight with the Bournville.

More alcohol, more weight, I said to myself, so on to a half bottle of '85 Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, that luscious, aniseed-like extraordinarily popular, but somewhat simplistic, aperitif and dessert wine. Its medium weight certainly coped with the chocolate but its flavour didn't: aniseed and chocolate don't melt in the mouth, they clash.

On up to an Australian Late Harvest '85 *Muscat* Blanc, from Brown Brothers, whose aniseed flavour again jangled and jarred with the chocolate. The best bet in this sweet wine selection was Scholtz Hermanos's 1985 Solera Malaga, whose unusual, sweet, raisin-like palate and smoky, rose-scented bouquet made a tolerable, rather than happy, marriage with both chocolate bars.

My tastebuds by this stage had wilted beneath the weight of sticky, alcoholic, chocolaty sweetness, so Round Two took place the next day. The United States was responsible for this round — for word reached me from California that trend-setting American foodies have been partnering big, beefy New World red wines with chocolate, presumably working on the principle that the often chocolaty character of these wines could perhaps partner chocolate itself. I remembered too that in Italy winemakers occasionally offer a cube of chocolate with their richest and most powerful red wines, such as Barolo, rather than bread or cheese, as is the custom elsewhere.

Foolishly, I started in with a delicate, flowery '86 Fleurie, a hopeless choice, as this elegant Beaujolais turned into a mean, acidic mouthful when coupled with either of the chocolates. Red wine No 2, a hefty and actually rather horrid '82 Shiraz from South Africa, was definitely nastier with chocolate than without.

A full-bloodied California Cabernet must, I reasoned, be the answer. But whose? Mature Cabernet was what I was looking for: a wine whose young, ripe fruit had mellowed and taken on some aged, and (one hopes) compatible with chocolate, overtones. This rules out most California wineries youthful offerings.

> **Italian winemakers offer chocolate with their reds rather than bread or cheese**

Their Cabernet wines available over here are mostly either from the '82 or '83 vintages.

Fortunately Brooks and Kate Firestone have just released a small parcel of their extraordinary, powerful '75 Cabernet Sauvignon to Majestic Wine Warehouses at the knock-down price — for an aged California wine that is — of £4.95 a bottle. This big, exotic, jammy, blackcurranty mouthful, complete with a slight creosote and woodsmoke-like taste, will not go down well with everyone. A friend thought it more like alcoholic Ribena than anything else, but remarkably it does marry well with chocolate.

Finally, if you think that pairing wine with chocolate is an absurd idea, try René Niel's amazing cocoa and vanilla Fine Liqueur de Cacao (Majestic £10.95), whose sweet, smoky, chocolaty taste is laced with brandy.

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The cream of the creaming

Crémant Champagnes, the softly, sparkling, dark horses of the champagne world, are rarely seen and often misunderstood.

Their gentle sparkle stems from the lower pressure behind the cork, rather than the usual gush from fully sparkling or mousseux champagnes. This lack of vigorous, frothy bubbles make them ideal to drink with a meal as there is none of that burp-making aspect that some palates suffer from when drinking fizz with food.

The difference, however, between a creaming, or crémant, fizz with its lower pressure and a fully mousseux wine is not however immediately obvious, and It is only if you compare the two side by side that the soft, crémant bubbles become apparent.

Mumm's Crémant de Cramant is the best known such champagne available but in recent years its quality has been disappointing. Happily another champagne house specializing in crémant wines, that of Alfred Gratien — founded in Epernay in 1864 — has stepped in to fill the gap.

What is remarkable about this champagne house is that although their annual production adds up to only 12,500 cases, they have a big reputation, especially in the UK, for their full flavoured nutty, oak-fermented, slightly oxidized champagnes. Although Alfred Gratien's non-vintage champagnes are fully sparkling wines, all their vintage fizz are crémant wines. Alain Seydoux insists on this crémant approach because he feels that it allows the flavour of the grape to come through clearly and not be masked by the bubbles.

This week I had the good fortune to taste seven different Gratien vintages together at an Arthur Rackhams tasting. This family-run, small off-licence group has 14 different branches in London and Surrey and stocks a wide range of Gratien champagnes, while its Vintner Wine Club, (VWC membership £12 annually from The Vintner Ltd, Winefare House, 5 High Road, Byfleet, Weybridge, Surrey, or via one of the branches), has small stocks of the older vintages.

I started with Alfred Gratien's non-vintage Cuvée de Rèserve, whose verdant, deep fruity, almost peppery, style makes it a good non-vintage buy. (Rackhams, £10.99; VWC, £10.70; The Market, £11.99; The Winecellars, £10.99). The orangey pink non-vintage rose (Rackhams, £12.99; VWC, £12.45), with its gutsy green character, is perhaps less worthwhile but no one could fail to be impressed by the glorious, deep fruity, biscuity, honeyed style of the '79 Alfred Gratien (Rackhams, £15.69; VWC, £14.75; The Wine Society, Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, Herts, £14.80).

More impressive still is the rich, honeyed, hazel-nutty '76 (Rackhams, £25.99; VWC, £25; Winecellars, 153/155 Wandsworth High Street, London, SW18, £16.59). The smoky-toasty '73 with its buttercup-gold colour and streamlined palate was also good (Rackhams, £27.59; VWC, £28.50; Winecellars, £19.25), as was the peppery, herbaceous '69 (Rackhams £38.79, VWC £37.25).

***I* found the '70 a lighter, elegant, more flowery Gratien style (Rackhams, £30.79; VWC, £29.55), while the '66 (Rackhams, £44.99; VWC, £43.35) still had a creamy mousse plus a fine, smoky, peppery, flavour. To finish, the delicious '64 with its soft, creamy mousse and ripe, elegant digestive biscuit style (Rackhams, £48.35; VWC, £46.50). Heaven!**

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THE ARTS

Battle of the sexists

The first time a woman ran in the Boston marathon – having smuggled herself into the field under an ambiguous name and bulky clothing – an official physically intervened and tried to halt her by force.

This was the most spectacular example of anti-female discrimination featured in *Women at the Olympic Games* (Channel 4), but by no means the most idiotic. From their revival in 1896, the modern Games were intended for male competition, with "female applause as reward"; even when women's events were grudgingly admitted, it was pronounced that they should be "aesthetic"

This programme made more of an impact with its irresistibly funny old footage of pre-war competition than with its

TELEVISION

American spokepersons droning on about patriarchy. The truly alarming concomitant of "parity" in sport might be not so much the emergence of world-beating Amazons as the spectre of men's synchronized swimming, complete with deliciously curled toes.

We should be duly grateful that the late Grace Kelly did not follow in the outsize footsteps of her Olympic rowing-champion father. How would those frothy ballgowns have looked with bulging deltoids? *Hollywood Legends* (also Channel 4) profiled this "storybook princess" with a storybook narration: Kelly was beautiful, determined, talented, intelligent; her favourite food was hamburger; she wore white gloves to the audition of *High Noon;* she won an Oscar at 24 and married a prince at 26 - The End.

Nobody's life is quite like that, and the recent revelations about the star's affairs with her leading men – that she had not, so to speak, saved herself for a Rainier day – will have enhanced this programme's air of studied unreality. Despite Alec Guinness's old story of the Indian tomahawk with which he and Kelly repeatedly spiked each other's beds (try and get a symbol out of that, Herr Doktor), one was left wondering whether this cut-glass beauty actually existed.

Martin Cropper

Canadian reports from the Stratford Festival in Ontario and a convention for comedians in Montreal

Oh what a lovely stage war!

Irving Wardle files a dispatch from from the frontline of Canadian theatre and reveals how *Cabaret, Mother Courage, Journey's End* and other war plays are winning the box office battle for audiences

THEATRE

The 39th season of the Stratford Festival – progenitor of Canadian theatre, and the last surviving classical outpost in North America – opened with a revival of *Cabaret*. Straford, Canada, in other words is having to market itself like Stratford, England.

Thanks to its energetic pursuits of business sponsors and the practice of doubling the box office take on musicals by moving them from the Avon Theatre to the main stage, John Neville's regime has succeeded in arresting inherited deficit and balancing the books for this year.

To forestall accusations of a commercial sell-out, *Cabaret* also has a thematic role among a group of productions which the administration variously describe as the "war season" the "anti-war season" and the "peace season". It is here that doubts set in.

Beginning with Neville's decision to revive *Troilus and Cressida*, the season took shape with four other "war" plays, including *Mother Courage* and Robin Phillips' forthcoming production of *Journey's End*. They make a neat piece of programme planning, but from the three I saw, there is precious little gut impulse behind it. Rather – following Neville's statement: "We are in jeopardy on this continent" – they display the conscious effort to imagine what war is like by a country that has long been at peace.

Much the most successful is Brian Macdonald's production of *Cabaret*: the work of a musical director who really knows his business, and who manages to combine long-range glamour with point-blank tat in the Kit-Kat Club scenes.

Cabaret is no political masterpiece, but here, at least, its public events are not overshadowed by the central relationship. Sheila McCarthy takes a coldly distant view of Sally Bowles as a foolish child of the time; conversely, Scott Wentworth strengthens the usually wimpish Clifford so that the fable clearly emerges as the education of an America innocent.

Neville's production of *Mother Courage*, also on the main stage, begins in Thirty Years War helmets and ends with tin hats and sand bags, pausing along the way to show an atom bomb going off. The message comes over loud and clear, backed up with some very respectable acting from James Blendick and Richard Curnock, and the unsinkable Susan Wright in the title role. But, no less than *Cabaret*, what comes over is a distanced view of the miseries of Europe, rather than Brecht's close-up of war as a hum-drum daily grind. The soldiers sound very threatening, but nobody feels the cold much.

The less said of David William's modern dress *Troilus and Cressida* (Avon Theatre) the better. Switching between Trojan locker-room frolics and drag parties, and Grecian conferences where Ulysses addresses a hut-full of gum-chewing louts as "Princes", it is an event of self-destructive insensitivity. When Ajax spends an entire scene kicking Thersites round the stage and ramming his head into the privy, the text similarly goes down the drain.

War accounts for less than half the season's productions, and Stratford has better work to offer once you get behind the front lines.

At the Avon, a robustly orthodox *Cherry Orchard* is paired with *Nora* – Ingmar Bergman's re-working of *A Doll's House*, which originally appeared in Munich as part of a sex-war trilogy together with *Miss Julie* and Bergman's own *Scenes From a Marriage.*

It is a case of two Swedes against one Norwegian, and Bergman has pulled Ibsen into line by amputating the naturalistic clutter (along with the servants and children) so as to isolate the heroine in a central pool of light into which her visitors step, unannounced, from a darkened perimeter. As the setting is as much in her mind as in the marital cage, Nora (Lucy Peacock) is able from the start to communicate the dread and resentment under her doll's smile.

When she does rebel, Bergman has another trick up his sleeve. The scene changes to the bedroom, with Torvald (Joseph Ziegler) awakening to see his wife fully dressed for departure. Their roles are reversed: and the farewell scene shows a venomously wrathful woman reducing a defenceless naked man to blubbering anguish. Brian Rintoul's production is unevenly cast, but it uncovers darker recesses in Ibsen's nursery than I had previously suspected.

The news, as I arrived in Stratford, was that Neville had decided not to seek a renewal of his three-year contract, which expires in 1988. So ends yet another short-lived regime, and as there are no obvious Canadian-born candidates for the succession, interest is fastening on the former artistic director, Robin Phillips, who has three productions in the present season.

For the small stage *As You Like It*, Phillips had the dazzling idea of playing the Arden scenes in the overalls and wide hats of the Mennonites – a self-sufficent pastoral community on Stratford's own doorstep. Otherwise the production marked a harmonious collaboration of fresh young acting and clean directorial visions.

The School For Scandal, on the main stage, opens with the sight of William Hutt's Sir Peter delivering a bitterly wounded account of the Prologue while, behind him, an undraped courtesan writhes in an illuminated cage. Solemn baroque strings then herald the appearance of Donald Adams's Snake, hissing in black leather. Phillips, in short, has connected this safe old comedy to the poisonous ceremonies of *Les Liaisons dangereuses*. Behind a bewitched facade of London pleasures – rides on giant silver horses, and fireworks that go on forever – a great deal of simple human damage is going on.

The production scores the usual laughs (it would take uncommon talent to stifle them), but its heart is on the side of the melancholy old husband and his abused brother. Douglas Campbell's Oliver descends on the scandal-mongers as an avenging thunderclap. As for Mr Hutt, he can extract four laughs from a single perfectly-timed line: more remarkably, he can enlist Sheridan to bring tears to your eyes.

Irving Wardle

Michael Cooper

Deadly serious: Lucy Peacock in a scene from Ingmar Bergman's *Nora*, based on Ibsen's *A Doll's House*

No joke being a comic

David Housham on the serious business of making people laugh for a living

COMEDY

Montreal's *Juste Pour Rire* is a two-week stand-up comedy festival of two halves, one French (started in 1982) and one English-speaking (1984), and its occasionally rather uncomfortable *mélange* of mirth reflects Canada's cultural disharmony, caused by the struggle of French-Canadian traditions to stay afloat in the sea of American entertainment that washes over the border on the television air-waves.

This is the second year that Britain has had a strong presence, largely because of the enthusiasm Channel 4 has shown for the event.

The festival is spread over four gala concerts at a large 2,500-seat theatre and numerous shows at three comedy clubs. When over 100 stand-up comedians, conducting a constant quip-round, are all staying in the same hotel, the profession does not seem the loneliest in the world.

The Americans' routines were moulded by the tremendous aggression needed to succeed on their highly competitive club circuit and its tough, unforgiving audiences.

Comics like John Mendoza, Rich Jeni and Richard Belzer snarled out pugnacious patter and common comic themes revolving around urban violence, drugs, fat and ugly people, pets, Ronald Reagan, rampant sex urges and big-breasted women. The more self-confident these comedians are, the more North American audiences respond to them.

Britain's Norman Lovett, a veteran of London's alternative cabaret world, found his act of subtle self-deprecation fell on mostly baffled ears, compared to Glasgow's Craig Ferguson. His abusive "Bing Hitler" act of railing against wasps and bees scored on two points of being loud and about animals.

Honary Brit, the Chicago-born Ruby Wax, despite some excellent material, discovered that Canadians cower from hectoring comedy delivered by a woman.

As it turned out, Rowan Atkinson was a big hit with the Montreal audiences (his BBC *Black Adder* series is popular on Canadian television), particularly with his very visual sketch of a silly sign-language news broadcast for the deaf.

Harry Enfield, (best known for his kebab-seller Stavros on C4's *Saturday Live*) chose to play an outrageously drunken British general and was greatly appreciated by the Canadians, especially when he closed with some singing-cigarette ventriloquism.

Second time lucky

DANCE

Bolshoi Academy
Coliseum

The second of the Bolshoi Ballet School's London programmes is more fun than the first. As before, the choreography is mainly mediocre, the decor at best indifferent, at worst ludicrous, but the dancers have more scope to show their talents.

It begins with a set of extracts described as from *Paquita*, in an arrangement by Sofia Golovkina. This is at all times a somewhat protean ballet, beginning and ending with some pretty ensembles that Petipa created in 1881, but with the intervening solos varying at the pleasure of the producer – some of them usually from other old ballets.

Golovkina's version supplements the usual solitary man dancer with two extra male soloists, one of them dancing to music from *La Bayadère*. All three men made a good showing, with Yuri Klevtsov, dark and intense, being particularly good.

Among the women, Veronika Fokina especially pleased for her smiling freshness; and now one can identify her as the blonde who is particularly enchanting in a curious trio called *Spring* given on both programmes.

Although *Paquita* has less for the corps de ballet to do than *Swan Lake* did earlier in the week, what it does contain shows off well their best qualities: a pleasantly unaffected manner, nice slim legs, an innate dignity.

One point noticeable all evening was that the youngest dancers, presumably about 16 or 17, seem all to have a very proper, classical manner which among their slightly older colleagues is often overlaid with affectation or a hard-sell manner: is this some reflection on how the graduation class is taught?

More than half of the brief showpiece numbers in the middle of the programme are different, on the whole much for the better. Andrei Nikonov and Viktor Isaichev looked highly promising in their duo from *Laurencia*, with a sustained buoyancy in its many jumping steps. *Semyora* allowed five of the men to show off their best folk dance steps, vying for the attention of two young women.

Galina Stepanyenko's virtuoso piece this time was the *Don Quixote pas de deux*. Again she showed some dazzling fouettès and a brilliant manner all through. A most enjoyable performance, but she does not yet have the easy, playful style that can light up these dances and there are some hints in her limited turn-out and set of her shoulders and neck that she may not be destined for the very top.

Her partner was again Alexander Monakhov, and they took the leads also in extracts from *La Fille mal Gardèe* –mostly, if not entirely, from the final scene I suppose.

John Percival

Part of the cast of Rossini's *L'occasione fa il ladro*

Rossini steals the show

OPERA

L'occasione fa il ladro
Buxton Festival

"Mainly Spanish" is the theme of this summer's Buxton Festival, but its first opera evening is distinctly Italian – or at least Anglo-Italian. Rossini's eighth opera, *L'occasione fa il ladro* (Chance Makes a Thief), is the chosen work and the selection is spot on.

The piece is composed with verve and vitality and has been unaccountably neglected, apart from a French production in the mid '70s, although Pesaro, Rossini's birthplace, is to rectify that in next month's festival, when the violinist Salvatore Accardo makes his operatic conducting debut with it.

After listening to Buxton's version, neatly translated by Alan Freedman into Edward J. Dentese and staged almost as a Pinero farce by Malcolm Fraser, it is easy to understand why he chose it. The scoring throughout is a joy from the opening orchestral storm – Rossini's first – to the final trio of disentanglement.

The problem to be unravelled is that of switched baggage – the opera's second title is *Il cambio della valigia* – outside an inn for Rossini, but at a railway station, which looks like part of the old LNWR, in this English version. Macclesfield, all change for Buxton, presumably.

As a result of the switch, a roving adventurer takes on the identity of a count and sets off to claim the latter's rich fiancée. Naturally that wily lady has changed places with her maid to size up her unknown suitor. Rossini was to return to the theme of the master taking on the servant's feathers in *La cenerentola.*

Buxton's cast are as spruce and sparky as Roger Butlin's black and white sets. Claire Daniels, a late addition to the cast, makes a witty fiancée once over her first aria and Jean Rigby an uncompromisingly sexy maid.

Abram Morales is yet another in the line of American tenors capable, just, of dealing with Rossini's high-lying vocal line: Gordon Sandison's adventurer is an old dog with enough life left in him to make use of a handy piece of luggage and he has a useful servant of his own (Steven Page), who knows how to handle a Rossini patter song.

L'occasione is long and strong enough to stand by itself and at Pesaro it will. Buxton made the mistake of using Donizetti's first opera *Il pigmalione* as a curtain raiser. It is no more than a *scena lirica*, of the type Haydn turned out, in which Pygmalion sculpts the figure of Galatea. After a tenor marathon (Jeffrey Talbot game but colourless) she is brought to life, but the cantata – for this is what it is – remains, like Galatea, statuesque. There is a foretaste of *Lucia* in the orchestra at one moment, but the conductor Anthony Hose hardly made the most of it.

John Higgins

Clipped Mermaid gets a relaunch

PROMENADE CONCERT

BBC SO/von Dohnányi
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Although nearly 80 years passed between the first and second performances of Zemlinsky's *Die Seejungfrau*, his symphonic fantasy on Hans Andersen's "Mermaid" story achieved its British premiere to launch Thursday night's Promenade concert.

Christoph von Dohnányi brought to bear his enthusiasm for the composer, a contemporary and teacher of Schoenberg, with an orchestrally resplendent performance, but one that still shortened what Zemlinsky first wrote by slightly more than a quarter.

Nobody can tell if he would have approved and nobody seems to have questioned whether he might have suppressed the work after its premiere in 1905 for his own good reasons.

Certainly the cuts applied to the middle movement deprived us of some of the best instrumental writing in its exuberant fantasy, to contrast with the late-Romantic refulgence and graphic pictorialism of the opening movement and the darker character of the finale.

Zemlinsky's obvious references to other composers like Brahms and Mahler, even a motif that comes note for note from Tchaikovsky, only helped to shape a musical personality that was still in the making, but one that could certainly make brilliant use of orchestral resources. The performance made listeners aware of its qualities in this respect, as they also were of the equivalent fantasy and sometimes surprisingly delicate detail in the *Burleske* by Richard Strauss.

The nearest this composer came to a piano concerto proper, it brought forward a soloist in Martin Roscoe whose glinting passage-work and expressive phrasing showed to advantage the sharper side of the music's character, its single-movement span. He was matched by the elevation of the orchestra's timpanist, John Chimes, to something approaching soloist status as well, in a light-hearted musical dialogue that give the work its individual appeal.

Both composers were linked in their common heritage of Brahms.

Noël Goodwin

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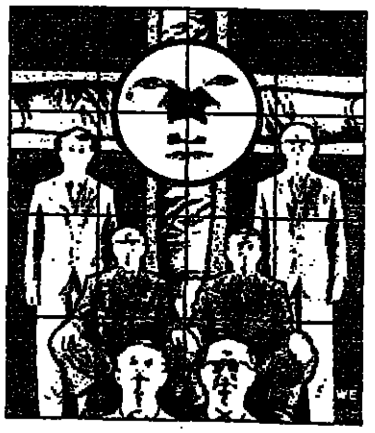

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Claiming the Eighties

JAZZ

Wynton Marsalis
Festival Hall

So far, you would have to say that in jazz terms the 1980s have belonged to Wynton Marsalis, the dapper 26-year-old trumpet virtuoso from New Orleans.

Charlie Parker ruled the Forties, Miles Davis the Fifties and John Coltrane the Sixties, more or less: no one stepped forward to claim the poor, hung-over Seventies, and the lack of leadership cost jazz dear. Now there is a figurehead again, and the sky is clearing.

Wynton Marsalis is not afflicted by the terrible, all-devouring innovative impulse that drove Parker, Davis and Coltrane. His brief is reassessment, recapitulation, rebuilding. To those who still remember the exhilaration of being tossed on the storms of bebop or the Sixties avant-garde, this seems less than a thrilling prospect. To the new generation, half-drowning in a sea of cultural garbage, Marsalis's imperatives – technical mastery, respect for the ancestors, professional polish – are a revelation.

At the JVC/Capital Radio Jazz Parade on Thursday, joined by the pianist Marcus Roberts, the bassist Bob Hurst and the drummer Jeff Watts, he introduced himself with the heavy-lidded slow-medium blues called "J Mood", his tone polished to a purple richness. He took a cup mute to an oblique reading of "A Foggy Day in London Town" and a Harmon mute to an unrecognizable "Cherokee", reproducing the buzzing-fly sound patented by Miles Davis.

The trumpet was open again for "Goodbye", a ravishing bel canto performance recalling Sinatra's great version of this imperishable Gordon Jenkins ballad. The Latin rhythms of "Caravan" put the spotlight on Watts's deceptively lazy snare-drum control, while a solo spot on a Monk tune allowed Roberts a full display of the unusual melodic angles. To a new generation, the level of intellect on display represents an example and a challenge: a core curriculum for the next few years of jazz.

Richard Williams

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BRIDGE

Winning treble

The three new bridge books on my desk this week could hardly be more different.

The Transfer Principle (Probray Press, £5.95) is by Brian Senior, who was born in England and recently settled in Northern Ireland.

I cannot pretend that *The Transfer Principle* will make light holiday reading for players who are new to the game, but it is well researched and has much to commend it for the serious student. Senior, obviously an aficionado of artificial systems, makes a strong case on their behalf, without, I suspect, converting those who prefer natural methods.

On Wednesday some considerable changes in the laws of Duplicate come into force. In *Bridge: The Law Changes* (Probray Press, 75p) Grattan Endicott simplifies and explains the effect.

This law will be welcomed by some performers I can think of: "A player is *not* responsible for the actions of a spectator drawn to the table by his charm, good looks or reputation."

On a lighter plain, I can recommend *Doubled and Venerable* by Terence Reese and David Bird (Gollancz, £9.95). This is the third in the series devoted to the exploits of the monks of St Titus. The hands are good, and neatly constructed to compliment the personality of the characters.

In a match between the Monastery and the Novitiate, this hand illustrates Brother Lucius's skill and the Abbot's lack of generosity to his partners.

Teams. East-West game. Dealer South.

North:
♠ A 9 8 4 3
♥ K 8 7 2
♦ J 5
♣ A K

West:
♠ K Q J 2
♥ 10 9 5 3
♦ 10
♣ J 8 6 4

East:
♠ 10 8 7
♥ 6
♦ Q 8 7 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 3

South:
♠ 5
♥ A Q J 4
♦ A K 9 6 4 3
♣ 9 2

After an uninspired auction, the Novitiate North-South settled in six hearts. The Abbot, West, led the ♠K. Declarer won in dummy and cashed the Ace and Queen of hearts. Correctly he turned his attention to establishing his side suit. He played the ♦A. *But* when the ♦10 appeared it seemed prudent to continue with a low diamond. All would have been well for declarer if Brother Xavier, East, had taken dummy's ♦J with the ♦Q. When he ducked, the contract was doomed. Brother Xavier's fine defence elicited praise only from his opponents.

In the other room Brother Lucius was also in six hearts. The play to the first three tricks was identical, but when West played the ♦10 on the ♦A, Brother Lucius paused for thought before calling for dummy's ♦J. Then he crossed to dummy with a top club to finesse the ♦9. West ruffed, but that was the only trick for the defence. Had West had the ♦Q, the finesse would at worst have cost an overtrick while assuring the contract.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

British victory

Those following my daily news reports in *The Times* will know that Jon Speelman and Nigel Short have shared first prize in the inter-zonal tournament. So for the first time two British players have reached the candidates' stage of the world championship — a remarkable feat. Speelman must feel particular pride since many had felt his style was insufficiently aggressive to notch the high percentage of victories required for qualification. Here is one typical game where he proved the pundits mistaken.

White: Prasad (Commonwealth Champion). Black: Speelman (British Champion). Subotica Inter-zonal, Sicilian Defence.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6
3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 Qb6
7 Nb3 e6 8 Be3 Qc7
9 Bd3 a6 10 a4 b6
11 f4 g6 12 0-0 Bg7
13 Qe2 0-0 14 g4 Nb4
15 g5 Nd7 16 f5

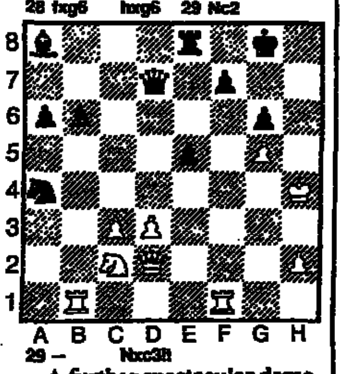
The *opening* resembles the dramatic Sicilian Defence in the 24th game of the 1985 Karpov-Kasparov match. Black has a solid central fortress and stands well on the Queen's wing. Meanwhile, White tries recklessly to blast a path through to the Black King.

16 — exf5 17 exf5 Bxc3
18 bxc3 Nxd3 19 cxd3 Bb7
20 Nd4 Rae8 21 Qd2 Ba8
22 Kf2 Re5 23 Bf4 Rfe8

A brilliant sacrifice to blunt the force of White's attack. If now 24 Bxe5 dxe5 25 Nf3 Nc5 ushering in a tremendous counterattack.

24 Kg3 Nc5 25 Kh4 Qd7
26 Rab1 Nxa4 27 Bxe5 dxe5

28 fxg6 hxg6 29 Nc2



29 — Nxc3

A further spectacular demolition sacrifice, which White *can hardly decline.*

30 Qxc3 Bg2 31 Kg3

If 31 d4 Kg7 with the terminal threat of . . . Rh8+.

31 — Qh3+ 32 Kf2 Bxf1
33 Ne3

Or 33 Rxf1 Rc8 followed by . . . Qxh2+ winning easily.

33 — Qxh2+ 34 Kxf1 Qh1+
35 Kf2 Qxb1 36 Ng4 Qa2+
37 Kg3 Qe6 38 Nf6+ Kg7

White resigns.

Raymond Keene

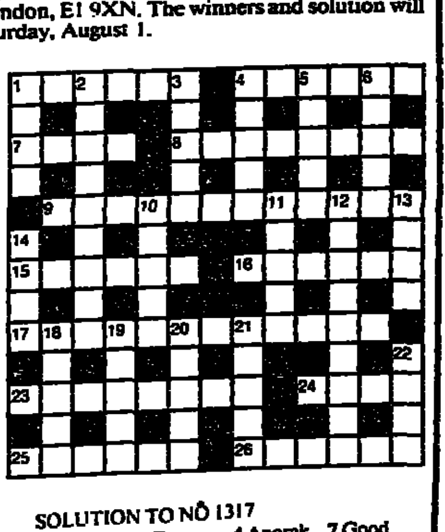
● Thames TV and Channel 4 will soon be combining forces to stage another chess spectacular on television. This will be the British Speed Chess Championship, sponsored by the BIS Group, played at London's Park Lane Hotel over August 17-20 and scheduled for screening in the autumn. The format will be sudden death knock-out and it will be one of the first events to feature both Nigel Short and Jon Speelman, after their sensational victory in the Subotica Interzonal.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1318

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, July 30. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, August 1.

ACROSS
- 1 Powerful (6)
- 4 Blurred double print (6)
- 7 Persuade (4)
- 8 Invent (8)
- 9 Low-grade theft (5,7)
- 15 At furthest limit (6)
- 16 Secret Govt. project (6)
- 17 Ages and ages (7,5)
- 23 Put up with (8)
- 24 Wood scraper (4)
- 25 Makes muddled (6)
- 26 Refined, fastidious (6)

DOWN
- 1 Agreement (4)
- 2 Dealer (9)
- 3 Between (5)
- 4 Divine nourishment (5)
- 5 City-related (5)
- 6 Italian (5)
- 10 Offspring (5)
- 11 Lift (5)
- 12 Outing (9)
- 13 Tug (4)
- 14 College courtyard (4)
- 18 Egg-shaped (5)
- 19 Funeral bell (5)
- 20 Lake Isle of Innisfree poet (5)
- 21 Give up (5)
- 22 Quail flock (4)



SOLUTION TO NO 1317

ACROSS: 1 Faunus 4 Anorak 7 Good 8 Trinidad 9 Estuary 11 Pious 12 Trinity Sunday 15 Apple 16 Trellis 20 Egomania 21 Palm 22 Meekly 23 Mohawk

DOWN: 1 Figment 2 U-boat 3 Sitar 4 Avid 5 Redwood 6 Kudos 10 Anise 11 Prude 13 Implore 14 Yashmak 15 Abeam 17 Rearm 18 Llama 19 Envy

The winners of prize concise No 1312 are: Michael Pengelly, Gorwell Farm, Abbotsbury, Weymouth, Dorset; and Miss A. E. Price, Tregavarah, Penzance.

SOLUTIONS TO NO 1312 (last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Backer 4 Phrase 7 Nick 8 Nestling 9 Astronautics 15 Evolve 16 Beacon 17 Robert Dudley 23 Smothers 24 Heal 25 Grills 26 Teeter

DOWN: 1 Bonn 2 Cockscomb 3 Rondo 4 Pasta 5 Relit 6 Sonic 10 Rover 11 Upend 12 Inclement 13 Send 14 Weir 18 Ormer 19 Extol 20 Teems 21 Upset 22 Blur

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REVIEW

The best and the worst of dear old Uncle Sam

BOOKS

Moronic Inferno and Other Visits to America, by Martin Amis (King Penguin, £3.50)

"No reader," writes Martin Amis "should be asked to witness an author's private grapplings with his thesaurus." It is a prescription which Amis has apparently learnt by heart. In this fine collection of journalism, Amis beats his outsize and ferociously contemporary thesaurus into perfect control: the writing seethes with energy, but it does the job it is told to do.

That job is America, and these articles and interviews catch that country in all its absurdity and all its abundance. It is a *writer's* analysis: Amis relishes what he most deplores in the States, and he spends much of his time not in America proper, but in the beleaguered buffer-state of his own grudging fascination.

President Reagan, for example, moves him "in the reluctant way you feel moved by bad art — like coming out of *Kramer versus Kramer* denouncing the film with tears drying on your cheeks." He feels that the novels of Philip Roth signify "a turbulent talent searching for a decorous way to explode."

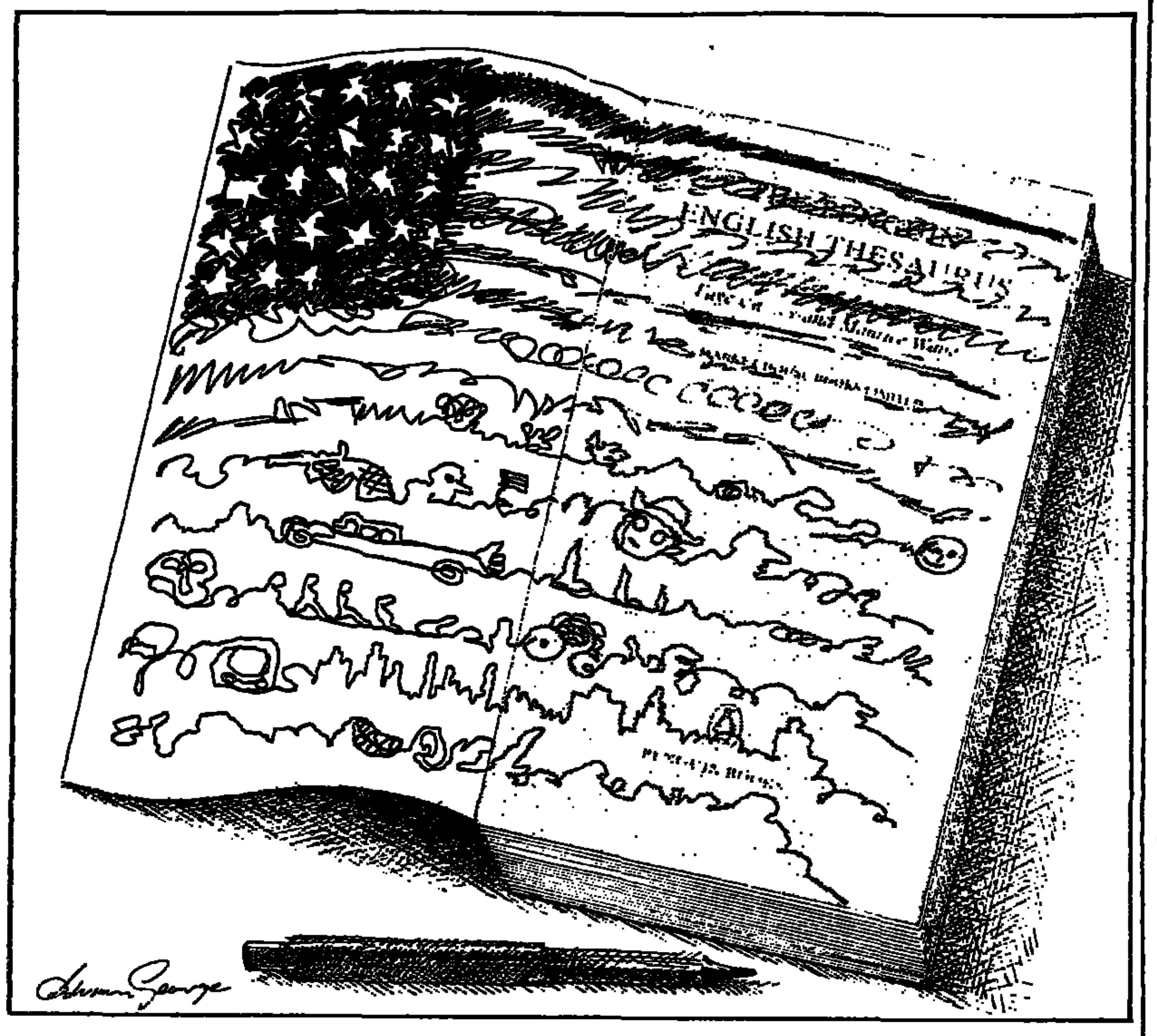
Amis's America is a land of *grotesque polarities,* ("a *land where it* is easier to Dial-A-Devotion than to buy a book") and if this writing has a failing, it is his tendency to pounce on these opposites as sensational symbols of the human condition (the "Moronic Inferno" of his title) rather than the tawdry failings of a specific culture and economy.

There are superb pieces on Elvis Presley, Steven Spielberg, Hugh Hefner, right-wing evangelism (the TV evangelist Jerry Falwell is described as "born in 1933; born again in 1956"), but Amis is happiest with American writers, and he interviews Norman Mailer, Truman Capote, Saul Bellow, and Gore Vidal with a happy mixture of rigour and humility. Clearly, he sees these men as not simply literary lions, but chunks of America itself. Truman Capote, spindly with illness but old maidishly courteous, is unable to complete the date as he signs a book for his interviewer:

for Martin
I tried!
and you were so patient
Truman Capote 198

Amis does not need to point the moral: lost in the bewilderment of his own history, dissipated and deathly, but still writing well at the time of interview, Capote is a symbol of America's historical amnesia, but also of its genius and its generosity.

James Wood



CRIME CLASSICS

Black Plumes, by Margery Allingham (Dent, £3.95); A Killing Kindness, by Reginald Hill (Grafton, £2.95); The Incredulity of Father Brown, by G.K. Chesterton (Penguin, £2.95).

Black Plumes **is that rare beast, an Allingham without her slightly soppy Scarlet Pimpernel, the very upper-crust Mr Campion. Dirty work in old-fashioned private art gallery. Reginald Hill is from the next generation of crime writers, more contemporary, less self-consciously elegant. In *A Killing Kindness* the Yorkshire Choker is pursued by Hill's regular Watson and Holmes: Detective-Superintendent Dalziel and Detective Inspector Pascoe. Father Brown is the inoffensive little priest with a gift for solving impenetrable puzzles. He solves eight of them in his *Incredulity*, involving miracles, oracles, ghosts, doom, and moons.**

THE NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

A Dream of Wessex, by Christopher Priest (Abacus, £3.95) Julia works in an electronic think-tank at Maiden Castle, where past, present, and future get mixed up when a malevolent and violent ex-lover threatens her peace

Innocence, by Penelope Fitzgerald (Flamingo, £3.50) Delicious and funny Anglo-Italian love story set in Florence, rural Tuscany, and London in the Fifties

Joe the Engineer, by Chuck Wachtel (Paladin, £3.50) Vivid and raw low life on *the seedy side of New York City*

Later the Same Day, by Grace Paley (Penguin, £3.95) Brilliant little short stories that catch the humour and pain of living

The Pastor's Wife, by Elizabeth von Arnim (Virago, £4.50) Classic 1914 story of English woman in East Prussia, witty about the old bondage of women as daughters and wives

NON-FICTION

Charlotte Brontë, by Winifred Gérin (Oxford, £6.95) Enthralling biography of the author who was like Jane Eyre in her long periods of loneliness and overwhelming desire to be loved; it adds pleasure to one of the best novels

George Eliot, by Jennifer Uglow (Virago, £4.95) One of the excellent Virago Pioneer series, reassessing women from every walk of life whose talents shaped their world, and ours

Rites, by Victor Perera (Flamingo, £3.50) Witty and warm memoir of a Guatemalan boyhood, in which Jewish family rites at home conflict with the crippling macho code of Latin America

Auger: a lack of coyness

A measure of Mozart

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Mozart/Strauss/Wolf Lieder:
Auger/Gage. *CBS MT 42447 (CD MK 42447)*
Liszt: Orchestral Songs.
Tokody/Takacs, etc./Hungarian State Orchestra. Hunaraton SLPD 12105

For those who like their Mozart ditties with a little more body than Battle and a little less coyness than Ameling, this is the disc. Arleen Auger, whom the British public take to their heart whenever she gives a recital here, offers six songs, from the ubiquitous *"Das Veilchen" to the* rarer *"Lied der* Trennung", a dullish singspiel-type arietta which she obstinately keeps alive by deft little observations of phrasing.

I **like the way neither she nor Irwin Gage, her accompanist, rushes or belittles the opening of "Veilchen"; I enjoy, too, the manner in which Auger has just the measure of the sentimental, pre-Romantic longing of "Abendempfindung". She and Gage *between them see to it that some of the* steam is taken off Strauss's "Morgen". Gage's Bösendorfer is transparently clear, and Auger tastes every word without salivating over one of them.**

In Wolf's four Mignon songs, the relationship between voice and piano is as stimulating as in any available recorded version.

Margaret Price, Hildegard Behrens and Brigitte Fassbaender have all, within the last year, shown us ways of looking at Franz Liszt. For a glimpse of Liszt Ferenc we have Ilona Tókody, Klara and Tamara Takács, András Molnár and Sándor Sólyom-Nagy. Between them, they tackle a variety of the later, orchestrated versions of the songs.

It takes, perhaps, the wild streak in Tókody's soprano to bring at last a real sense of isolation and panic to "Die Lorelei"; and "Jeanne d'Arc au bûcher" takes on new force in the deep red wine of Tamara Takác's mezzo.

Here, too, the orchestral version *really does come into its own: it* reminds us of this dramatic cantata's debt to Berlioz in its finely touched-in woodwind, its pulsing pizzicati, its distant trumpet calls.

The disappointment of this unique recording is the somewhat tame orchestral playing under András Korodi and the less than gripping characters of the two male singers. Molnár's tenor paints a frail watercolour "William Tell", and Sólyom-Nagy's baritone, a real Bluebird of a voice, is only avuncular in narrating the tale of the three gypsies.

No disappointment, though, in the new CD issue of Jessye Norman's *Brahms Lieder* (DG 413 311-2). The 1983 recordings stretch and expand in their new, close accoustic, and one wonders anew at the vocal and imaginative prowess which can have you absorbed in 70 full and uninterrupted minutes of Brahms.

Hilary Finch

Listen, Jack's coming back

JAZZ RECORDS

Curtis Counce Group Carl's Blues (Boplicity CON 040)
Conte Candoli Fine and Dandy (Affinity AFF 173)

Later this year, British audiences will have the rare pleasure of a club tour by Jack Sheldon, the Florida-born *trumpeter* whose elegant solos can be heard on many West Coast jazz recordings of the 1950s. Sheldon later restricted his musical activities in favour of a career as an actor and comedian, but that is no excuse for his omission from both of two otherwise generally rewarding new reference books. *Jazz: The Essential Companion*, by Ian Carr, Digby Fairweather and Brian Priestley (Grafton, £17.95), and Barry McRae's *The Jazz Handbook* (Longman, £9.95), both published this month.

Sheldon's contributions to *Carl's Blues*, a welcome reissue, show him to have been an unusually inventive musician. Melodically lucid, harmonically unhackneyed, rhythmically sure-footed, he found his *inspiration in the* examples of Clifford Brown and Miles Davis.

Besides being a bassist of solid virtues, Curtis Counce was a thoughtful leader and a fine talent scout. His quintet's pianist, the estimable Carl Perkins, died a few weeks after the final recording session for this album — hence its title, which is *in memoriam.* The drumming is by the incomparable Frank Butler, whose touch and control can be savoured in a four-minute unaccompanied solo.

Featuring another West Coast trumpeter of the highest calibre, *Fine and Dandy* offers a further example of California as a base for the hard-swinging post-bebop modern jazz of the 1950s. Conte Candoli, though, based his style on the extrovert ebullience of Dizzy Gillespie, and his bright-toned eloquence throughout these dozen quartet and quintet numbers — assisted the likes of the saxophonist Bill Holman and the pianists Lou Levy and Claude Williamson — make it astonishing that he, too, should not be considered of sufficient consequence to warrant a mention in the new reference books.

Richard Williams

The sounds of the master

ROCK RECORDS

The Jimi Hendrix Experience: Live At Winterland (Polydor 833 004-1)

In a recording career that lasted less than four years, Jimi Hendrix made an unrivalled contribution to the art of playing the electric guitar, but *his live shows often* reflected the erratic nature of his genius. While not going so far as to adopt the Miles Davis credo of regarding gigs as paid practice sessions, Hendrix nevertheless assumed lengthy passages of wholesale experimental jamming to be an essential part of his act, and there have been some spectacularly tedious live recordings released in his absence as a result.

Live At Winterland is a double album of performances taken from a three-night residency at the San Francisco concert hall in October 1968, which although not entirely free of such moments of listening duress, nevertheless underlines both the *extraordinary* range of Hendrix's vision and the restorative abilities of the new digital re-mastering technology.

The high points are the astounding versions of "Manic Depression" and "Spanish Castle Magic", two songs that Hendrix was never much given to playing on stage, and neither of which has been released in a live format before. Both stick closely to the *original* arrangements while allowing Hendrix and Mitch Mitchell, charging round the drum kit in his free-flowing Elvin Jones style, to take ridiculous chances and come up with some phenomenally empathetic, free-form sequences during the instrumental breaks.

There have been better live releases of "Red House" (see *Hendrix In The West)* and the scruffy, aimless sequences of "Tax Free" and "Killing Floor" which fill large chunks of sides two and three, are strictly-speaking for archivists only.

At the end of the day this album makes a small but significant addition to the sum of a huge legacy.

David Sinclair

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

War and peace

Hollywood and Moscow are suddenly in love. After decades in which every American film about Russia had to be shot in Finland, if not the Burbank back lot, David Puttnam, head of Columbia, has clinched an agreement to shoot two movies in Russia next year.

Meanwhile, Menachem Golan, boss of Cannon, has also been in Moscow negotiating deals; a co-production of *Crime and Punishment* is one of several possibilities. This month also saw the first ever public screening in Russia of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, attended by 15,000 comrades.

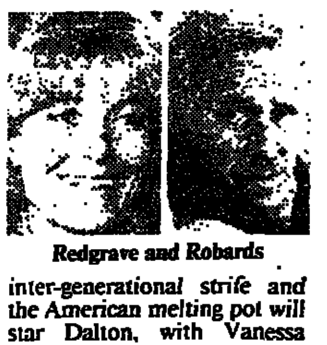
Spark flies

Bodley Head may still be holding on to the services of Graham Greene, despite his rumblings of discontent, but it seems that Muriel Spark, another of its top authors, is about to change publishers. Spark has agreed terms to move to Constable, although contracts have not yet been exchanged. This represents a major coup for Robin Baird-Smith, Constable's editorial director, who wants to bolster his list with a big-name author.

● During a private screening of footage for *The Trailer Show*, the series on movie promos starting on Channel 4 tonight, Philip Jenkinson, the presenter, and his friend John Loder (who specialized in playing jilted husbands in the Forties and Fifties) found themselves watching a trailer for *Reefer Madness*. Jenkinson rated its star, Lillian Miles, an actress of surpassing awfulness and said so at length. Loder let the outburst run its course before remarking: "Yes, we were sweethearts for some years. But she ran away with a dentist and went to live in Ohio."

Premium Bond

Timothy Dalton is to follow his critical and box office success as the new 007 by returning to the legitimate theatre in a West End revival of *A Touch of the Poet.* Eugene O'Neill's 1940 drama about inter-generational strife and the American melting pot will star Dalton, with Vanessa Redgrave and Jason Robards and open in the new year.


Redgrave and Robards

Oliver's twists

Two American video companies have announced plans for major screen tributes to Oliver North. Ted Turner Home Entertainment's package of Irangate trial highlights will simply be called *Lt.-Colonel Oliver North — His Story.* MPI Home Video's 90-minute rendering of Oliver's story is titled *Oliver North: A Memo to History* and will be on sale next week. Surely the obvious title must be: *This is Another Fine Mess You've Gotten Us Into, Ollie.*

Peter Freedman

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THE WEEK AHEAD

OPERA

BRIEF GENIUS: Alexander Pushkin was killed in a duel before he reached 40. But no writer provided more sources for Russian opera and ballet. Three works by Leningrad's Kirov Opera on their first visit to Britain are based on Pushkin texts: Tchaikovsky's *Queen of Spades* and *Eugene Onegin*, plus Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov*. Yuri Temirkanov conducts all performances. After Covent Garden the company moves on to Manchester and Birmingham. Royal Opera House (01-240 1066), from Tuesday.

THEATRE

INN FIGHTER: Penelope Keith is back in her characteristic role of showing everyone who is boss in the Chichester Festival production of *Miranda*, loosely adapted by Beverley Cross from comedies by the 17th century Italian dramatist, Carlo Goldoni. Set in an English cathedral city in the 1950s, *Miranda* has Miss Keith as the owner of an inn fighting off plans to re-develop the site. The director is Wendy Toye. Chichester Festival Theatre, Sussex (0243 781312), previews on Monday and Tuesday, opens Wednesday.

CONCERTS

PRIZE PIECE: Barry Douglas, the Belfast-born pianist, won last year's Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow at the age of 26. He plays one of the works which gained him the gold medal, Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 1, at the Proms. The all-Russian programme also includes Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* and is conducted by Gianluigi Gelmetti, artistic director of the Rome Opera and of the RAI Radiotelevisione Orchestra, who is making his Proms debut. Royal Albert Hall SW7 (01-589 8212), Thursday, 7.30pm.

BOOKS

PLAYING MARBLES: Lord Elgin removed the sculptures that were the symbol and glory of Periclean Athens from the Parthenon in 1801. They now lie out of the sun as one of the glories of the British Museum. In *The Elgin Marbles* (Chatto & Windus, £12.95, published Monday) Christopher Hitchens tells the adventure story of their removal, the intrigues of Lord Elgin, the various attempts to return the marbles, and details which both sides have tried to obscure. Hitchens argues forcefully the case for their return.

ROCK

OPENING NUMBER: Siouxsie and the Banshees make their only scheduled British appearance this year, "under canvas" on the closing night of the Capital Music Festival. This is the first chance to see the group's new, expanded line-up with guitarist Jon Klein and keyboardist Martin McCarrick joining Steve Severin (bass) and Budgie (drums). Other groups on the bill are The Fall, Wire, Psychic TV and Gaye Bykers On Acid. Today from 2pm, The Supertent at Finsbury Park, London N4 (01-800 5599).

FILMS

SALES WAR: Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito star as warring home-improvement salesmen in *Tin Men (15)* – a bright, inventive comedy by writer-director Barry Levinson that seems headed for a TV spin-off. As in Levinson's debut film, *Diner*, the lovingly observed setting is Baltimore, this time in the early 1960s. Barbara Hershey co-stars as DeVito's wife, caught in the crossfire between dapper, slick Dreyfuss and slovenly DeVito.
Warner West End (01-439 0791), from Friday.

THEATRE

THE COLORED MUSEUM: Part of London International Festival of Theatre. Joseph Papp's New York Shakespeare Festival production, directed by L Kenneth Richardson, of a sharply satirical view of life as a black in the USA. Direct from a nine-month New York run.
Royal Court (01-730 1745). From Wed.

FIAT: Yugoslav company Red Pilot (formerly Theatre of Scipion Nasica) famous for being closed on the Edinburgh Fringe last year because the audience, heads poking through the stage floor, were deemed to be in danger, bring their latest show to London for the L.I.F.T. (see above).
Riverside Studios (01-748 3354). Opens Tues. Until August 8.

THE UNOFFICIAL HEAVYWEIGHT & ENTERTAINMENT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD: The People Show revive a 1981 favourite for this year's L.I.F.T.
Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middx (01-568 1176). Opens Fri. Until August 2.

THE WANDERING JEW: Mike Alfreds directs an adaptation of the epic 1844 novel by French writer Eugene Sue, written by Alfreds and Michelene Wandor. Cast of 17 play 50 roles in a five-hour performance.
Lyttelton (01-928 2252). Previews Fri, August 1, 3-7. Opens August 8. In repertory.

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: Miranda: Penelope Keith in the premiere production of a comedy by Beverley Cross, after Goldoni, directed by Wendy Toye. Final show of the season.
Chichester Festival Theatre (0243 781312). Preview Mon, Tues. Opens Wed. In repertory.
Also: Studio Tent season commences with *The Fire Raisers*, by Max Frisch directed by Peter Wilson. Opens Thurs for four performances only.

COVENTRY: Coventry Mystery Plays: Adapted by Keith Miles and directed by Rob Bettinson, *these medieval plays are* performed every three years, in the ruins of the Old Cathedral, or in the new cathedral if it is raining. Bookings: 0203 553055. Opens Mon. Until August 15.

EDINBURGH: Man to Man (Jacke wie Hose): British premiere of Manfred Karge's one-woman show, translated by Anthony Vivis; a woman is forced to assume the persona of her dead husband, a crane operator.
Traverse (031 226 2633). From Thurs.

LEICESTER: Kip's War: World premiere of a musical by Carl Davis and Hiawyn Oram, about London children evacuated into the countryside in the Second World War. Robin Midgley directs a company which includes 160 local children.
Haymarket (0533 539797). From Thurs. Press night August 6.

CONCERTS

SERPENTS GALORE: The London Serpent Trio and other exponents of this ancient wind instrument combine for arrangements of pieces by Haydn and Mozart, Schubert and Seiber, for the European première of Proctor's Amhurst Suite and for Saint-Saën's *The Elephant* arranged for massed serpent band.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Today, 7.30pm.

SYRENSONG: A BBC commission. Simon Holt's *Syrensong* has its world première from the BBC SO under Richard Buckley. Sibelius is represented by his Symphony No 2, and it should be well worth hearing Leslie Howard in Liszt's *Totentanz*.
Albert Hall. Mon, 7.30pm.

BAER, BARITONE: The celebrated Dresden-based baritone Olaf Baer sings Wolf Mörike Lieder and Brahms's Lieder Op 57. Geoffrey Parsons accompanies.
Wigmore Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

BARN DANCING: Four Dance Episodes from Copland's *Rodeo* begin this Prom by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Bryden Thomas. Roger Smalley then solos in his own Piano Concerto and the end comes with Walton's Symphony No 1.
Albert Hall. Tues. 7.30pm.

HARMONIEMESSE: The BBC Welsh Chorus, Symphony Orchestra and soloists join under Roger Norrington for Haydn's final large-scale work, the *Harmoniemesse*. First, however, Mozart's *Idomeneo* Ballet Music and John Ogdon in Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No 1.
Albert Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

REED/RPO: Michael Reed conducts the RPO in Glinka's *Ruslan and Ludmilla* Overture. Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 (Joanna McGregor, soloist) and Dvorák's Symphony No 9 "New World."
Barbican Centre. Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Fri, 7.45pm.

FILMS

OPERA DO MALANDRO (15): Exuberant Brazilian musical set among Rio's low-life in the early 1940s, and strongly reminiscent of *The Threepenny Opera*. Music by Chico Buarque; directed by Ruy Guerra, one of the country's leading film-makers.
Lumiere (01-836 0691), from Fri.

THE MAGIC TOYSHOP (15): Self-conscious and hermetic adaptation of Angela Carter's story about three children sent to live with their sinister uncle, a puppet maker. With Tom Bell, Caroline Milmoe; directed by David Wheatley.
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443), Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220), from Fri.

THE ARISTOCATS (U): Re-issue of the Disney Studio's 1970 cartoon about a feline family under threat from an avaricious butler. An episodic story, but the voice characterizations (by Phil Harris, Hermoine Baddeley, Eva Gabor and others) are lively.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), from Fri.

PHOTOGRAPHY

WILLIAM CARRICK: Carrick (1827-1878) is hardly known is this country. But in Russia, where he was brought up, he is recognized as one of the founders of Russian photography. On show are series of tradesmen in St Peterburg and that of peasants in Mongolia in 1870.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 1 Queen Street, Edinburgh (031 556 8921).

THE HUNGARIAN CONNECTION: Extraordinary exhibition, researched by Colin Ford, of early 20th century Hungarian photography, plus a glimpse of some of today's work.
National Museum of Photography, Prince's View. Bradford. West Yorkshire (0274 727488). Until October.

ROCK

HEAD: Riotous musical assembly from the salacious Bristol band whose influences encompass punk, folk, Def Jam and beyond.
Tonight, International, Manchester (061 224 5050); Thurs, Venue, Edinburgh (031 557 3073); Fri, Rooftops, Glasgow (041 332 5883).

U2: The European progress continues.
Tonight (with The Pretenders, The Alarm and World Party), Cardiff Arms Park (0222 390111); Wed and Thurs, SECC, Glasgow (041 248 3000).

PAUL JOHNSON: The singer from Croydon looks set to benefit from the post-D'Arby British soul environment.
Tomorrow, Ronnie Scotts, London W1 (01-439 0747).

THE HOODOO GURUS: An Australian pop/psychedelic export whose current single, "Good Times", features backing vocals by The Bangles.
Tomorrow and Mon, Town & Country, London NW5 (01-267 3334); Wed (with U2) SECC, Glasgow (041 248 3000); Fri, International, Manchester (061 224 5050).

GALLERIES

FROM TWO WORLDS: A touring exhibition showing the responses of eight artists of African and West Indian descent to life in Britain.
The Cirencester Workshops, Brewery Court, Cirencester (0285 61566). Mon-Sat 10-5.30pm, Free, until August 29. From today.

TONY CRAGG: Sculptures using recycled materials such as plastic, metal and wood by a British artist of international stature who lives in Germany.
Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, Manchester (061-228 7621). Free, until August 30. From today.

IN ANOTHER WORLD: A survey of Outsider Art, works by those eccentric part-timers and hobbyists some of whom make art which is far from naïve or merely charming.
Exhibition Gallery, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes (0908 605538). Free, until August 30. From today.

LUCAS CRANACH (1472-1553): A closer, scholarly examination, in prints, photographs and drawings, of this German artist's painting of Adam and Eve.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Woburn Square, London WC1 (01-580 1015). Admission £1.50, until September 6. From Tuesday.

OPERA

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA: A week of Ravel: tonight, Wed and Thurs at 6.30pm, Frank Corsaro's delightful double-bill of *L'heure espagnole* and *L'enfant et les Sortilèges*, conducted by Simon Rattle.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273-541111). Returns only.

BUXTON FESTIVAL: Tonight and Wed at 7.45pm in Buxton's exquisite opera house, the Spanish-tinted festival's double-bill of Rossini's *L'occasione fa il ladro* and Donizetti's *Il Pigmalione*. Malcolm Fraser directs and Anthony Hose conducts. On Thurs at 7.45pm, the festival's second opera, *Don Quixote in Sierra Morena*, an 18th-century rarity by Francesco Conti from Cervantes's tragi-comedy.
Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire, (0298-71010).

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Kirov Ballet open their 11-day season with conductor Yuri Temirkanov's production of *The Queen Of Spades*. First night on Tues at 7pm, with further performances on Wed and Thurs.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

FILMS ON TV

SWING TIME (1936): Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers and a raft of marvellous Jerome Kern numbers, including "Pick Yourself Up", "A Fine Romance" and "The Way You Look Tonight".
BBC2, today, 9.05-10.45pm.

● **Clark Gable and Constance Bennett enjoy a romantic clinch in the 1935 comedy thriller *After Office Hours*. You might not believe it from the picture, but they play a newspaper editor and his wealthy socialite reporter who become involved in solving a murder and at the same time fall in love. The sharp and witty screenplay was the work of Herman J Mankiewicz, who later wrote *Citizen Kane*. Channel 4, Tues, 2.25-3.45pm.**

THE THING FROM ANOTHER WORLD (1951): Intelligent and suspenseful science fiction story in which American scientists at the North Pole are menaced by a monstrous alien.
BBC2, Tues, 9-10.25pm.

THE FRESHMAN (1925): Harold Lloyd in one of his happiest vehicles as the dim college boy who wants to be popular and accidentally becomes a football star.
BBC2, Thurs, 4.25-5.30pm.

JAZZ

STANLEY JORDAN/MICHAEL BRECKER: The young guitar wizard Jordan shares the last JVC/Capital Radio Jazz Parade concert with a new band led by the versatile saxophonist Brecker.
Tonight, Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800).

GARY BURTON/BRANFORD MARSALIS: Vibist Burton's quintet and saxophonist Marsalis's quartet make a top-quality double-bill for the Cambridge Jazz Festival.
Tonight, Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851).

RUBY BRAFF: Braff's cornet, unmatched in lyrical beauty, meets Scott Hamilton's tenor saxophone in a maintsream quintet.
Tonight to Fri, Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722).

ARCHIE SHEPP: The angry young saxophonist of the middle Sixties nowadays opts for calmer waters.
Mon to Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747).

RADIO

A PATRIOT FOR MRS BLYTHE: Frances Tomelty plays a beautiful Dubliner trying to adjust to the death of her father and desertion by her husband in a psychological drama by Alan Berrie.
Radio 4, Mon, 8.15-9.45pm.

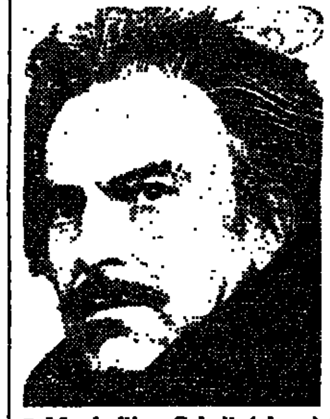
IN THE PSYCHIATRIST'S CHAIR: Dr Anthony Clare returns with another series of interviews which aim for intimacy without prurience. His first subject is the mezzo-soprano, Dame Janet Baker.
Radio 4, Wed, 9.05-9.40pm.

FILM STAR: Alexander Walker's superb dissection of screen idols continues with a look at Dirk Bogarde, who matured from romantic lead into one of Britain's finest cinema actors.
Radio 4, Wed, 12.25pm.

TELEVISION

SON OF MAN: Repeat of Dennis Potter's controversial 1969 interpretation of Jesus of Nazareth, who is played by the late Colin Blakely. With Robert Hardy (Pilate) and Brian Blessed (Peter).
BBC1, Tues, 9.30-11pm.

REASONABLE FORCE: Documentary by David Jones which examines six cases of serious complaints about the police and raises issues of alleged police brutality and harassment.
ITV, Tues, 10.30-midnight.



● **Maximilian Schell (above) in the title role of the American mini-series, *Peter the Great*. Partly filmed in the Soviet Union, and using Red Army soliders as extras in the battle scenes, the four-part epic boasts a supporting cast of Laurence Olivier, Vanessa Redgrave, Trevor Howard, Omar Sharif and Ursula Andress. Peter as a boy is played by a Surrey schoolboy, Graham McGrath. BBC1, tomorrow, 7.15-8.15pm.**

LILY MY LOVE: Play by Elisabeth Bond exploring the friendship between a teenage girl (Cindy Holden) and a 39-year-old vagrant (Bill Paterson) as they run away to the Lake District.
BBC2, Wed, 9.25-10.10pm.

WALKS

TODAY

OLD SHOREDITCH: The East End furniture trade. A short introductory talk followed by a walk in the local area surrounding the Geffrye Museum. Meet Geffrye Museum (Kingsland Road, London E2), 2-4pm, free.

THE LONDON OF DICKENS AND SHAKESPEARE: A lunchtime pub-walk. Meet Tower Hill tube, 11am, £2.50.

TOMORROW

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: Meet Green Park tube, 2pm, £2.50.

LONDON'S GHOSTS, ALLEYS AND ODDITIES: Meet Embankment tube, 2.30pm, £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BRITTEN-SCHUBERT FESTIVAL: Booking for *programme of concerts, film* and discussion, including song recital with Adrian Thompson and Roger Vignoles, and discussion of *Winterreise* with Steuart Bedford, Desmond Shawe-Taylor, and Marion Thorpe. Events at Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall, and local churches. Aug 13-16.
Aldeburgh Foundation, High Street, Aldeburgh (072 885 3543).

ENO AUTUMN SEASON: Subscription and priority booking opens for September-November, with new productions of Stephen Sondheim's *Pacific Overtures* and Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*; and revivals of Strauss's *Salome*, Massenet's *Werther*, and Verdi's *Rigoletto*. General booking from Aug 3.
London Colisseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2. (01-836 3161) (cc 01-240 5258).

LAST CHANCE

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE CONCERTS: Last in series features Purcell and Britten, in programme of folk songs and duets with Ian Partridge and Derek Ragin, and Julius Drake at piano. Tomorrow at 11.30am.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1. (01-935 2141).

WIGMORE SUMMER NIGHTS: Last concert in series features works by Haydn, Ravel and Brahms. Tonight at 7.30pm. Gabrieli Quartet.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London S1 (01-935 2141).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Television, Radio and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES: 5.15-5.20pm Sports News Wales SCOTLAND: 5.15-5.20pm Scottish News and Sport NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.15-5.20pm Northern Ireland News and Sport 1.25-1.30am Northern Ireland News ENGLAND: 5.15-5.20pm South and East (London) - Sport. South and West (Plymouth) - Spotlight Sport and News. All other English regions - Regional News and Sport.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20am Signs of a Saint. Close.

BORDER As London except: 11.45pm Hunter 12.40am Weather, Close.

CENTRAL As London except: 6.10am Central Jobfinder '87 1.30pm Prisoner Cell Block H 2.25 Film: Passport to Shame 4.00 News followed by Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20am Weather, Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 11.45pm Duran Duran "Arena" 12.45am Reflections. Close.

GRANADA As London except: 11.45pm Film: Arthur 1.30am Police Woman 2.25 America's Top Ten 2.55 Close.

HTV WEST As London except: 11.45pm Downtown 12.45am Weather, Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variations.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.25am Late Call 1.30am Close.

TSW As London except: 5.05pm Newsport 5.07 The Smurfs 5.30 Blockbusters 11.45 Meltdown 12.45am Postscript 12.50 Weather, Close.

TVS As London except: 1.20am Company, Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.30am Epilogue 1.40 Close.

ULSTER As London except: 1.45pm Nine to Five 12.15am Sports Results 12.20 News.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20am Film: The Trap 3.15 Jobfinder 4.15 Close.

S4C Starts: 10.45am Moneyspinner 11.15 Symphony 11.45 What the Papers Say 12.00 Six Centuries of Verse 12.30pm Space Craft 1.00 Film: Laurel and Hardy's Laughing 20s' 1.30 Film: Blood and Sand 5.00 The Struggles for Poland 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 Tour de France 1987 (stage 24) 7.00 The Dragon has Two Tongues 7.35 Newyddion Saith 7.50 Siarabank 8.20 Cyfle! 9.20 Pel-Fas 10.05 Twilight Zone' 10.30 The Best of Paul Hogan 11.00 Arthur and Phil Go Off. . 11.45 Film Dark Eyes of London' 1.10am Film Down Three Dark Streets' 2.45 Close.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES: 12.35-12.58pm Farming in Wales 1.05-2.00 Baseball (1987 Welsh Brewers Cup Final) 11.40-12.10am Cricket (Glamorgan v Warwickshire) 12.10-12.50 Network East 12.50-12.55 News SCOTLAND: 12.20-12.25am Scottish News NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.20-12.25am Northern Ireland News

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon Time 1.00pm The Duke and Duchess of York in Canada 1.25 Weather 1.30 Farming Diary 2.00-2.30 Shakespeare's Heritage 5.30 Pass the Buck 6.00-6.30 Heritage in the East 11.15 Meltdown 12.15am Telling the Tale. Close.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Border Diary 1.00pm-1.30 Farming Outlook 2.00-2.30 The Duke and Duchess of York in Canada 5.30-6.30 Highway to Heaven 12.15am Weather.

CENTRAL As London except: 6.10am-6.55 Central Jobfinder '87 9.25-9.30 Max the Mouse 1.00pm Getting On 1.30 The Duke and Duchess of York in Canada 2.00-2.30 The Mad Dog Gang Meets Rotten Fred and Ratsguts 5.30-6.30 Highway to Heaven 11.15 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.10am Donahue 1.10 Film: California Suite 3.00 News followed by Central Jobfinder '87.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Weather 9.26-9.30 Starting Point 1.00pm Getting On 1.30 Les Francais Chez-Vous 2.00-2.30 Shakespeare Heritage 5.30 Highway to Heaven 6.25-6.30 Channel News 11.15 Connie 12.15am Weather. Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Crystal Tipps 11.00 The Year Was 1949 11.35-12.00 Country Ways 1.00 Farming Outlook 1.30-2.30 Grampian *Television Invitation Bowling Tournament* 5.30-6.00 Terrahawks 12.15am Reflections, close.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Crystal Tipps 1.00pm Members Only 1.05 Aap Kaa Hak 1.10 Turning the Tide 1.40 This is Your Right 2.00-2.30 Shakespeare's Heritage 5.00 Cartoon 5.05-6.00 The Love Boat 11.15 Celebration in Concert 12.10am What the European Papers Say 12.25 Close.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Max the Mouse 1.00-1.30 West Country Farming 2.00-2.30 The Shakespeare Trilogy 5.30-6.00 Mary 11.15 Connie 12.15am Weather, Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 1.00pm-1.30 Royal Welsh '87 5.30-6.00 Mary

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Gagomania 11.00 Terrahawks 11.30-12.00 Farming Outlook 1.00pm Easy Street 1.30 The Duke and Duchess of York in Canada 2.00-2.30 Adventurer 5.30-6.40 Highway to Heaven 11.15 Late Call 11.20 Bowls 12.20am Close.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Look and See 1.00pm The South West Week 1.30 Farming News 2.00-2.30 Shakespeare's Heritage 4.30 Gardens for All 5.00 Shadow of the Stone 5.30 The Duke and Duchess of York in Canada 6.00-6.30 Turning the Tide 12.10am Postscript Postbag 12.15 Weather, Close.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Victor and Maria 1.00pm Getting On 1.30 Struggle Beneath the Sea 2.00-2.30 Shakespeare's Heritage 5.30-6.00 Survival 11.15 Connie 12.15am Company, close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Hello Sunday 1.00 Farming Outlook 1.30 Face the Press 2.00-2.30 Lindisfarne: The Cradle Island 5.30-6.00 Short Story Theatre 11.15 PSA Special Report 11.30 Show Express 12.00 Epilogue 12.10am Close.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Cartoon Time 1.00pm Getting On 1.30 The Duke and Duchess of York in Canada 1.58 Weather 2.00-2.30 A Personal View 5.30-6.30 Highway to Heaven 11.15 Sports Results 11.20 The Silk Road 12.15am News

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon Time 1.00pm Getting On 1.25 Farming Diary 2.00-2.30 Terrahawks 5.00 9 to 5 5.30-6.00 You and E.Y.E. 11.15 Action! 12.10am The Freiburg Jazz Festival 12.40 Five Minutes 12.45 Jobfinder 1.45 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 10.00 Bandung File 11.00 The Waltons 12.00 Network 7 2.00 Film: How to Steal a Million 4.15 Equinox 5.15 Archbishop Milingo 5.45 The Notorious Jumping Frog of Calaveras County 6.15 Tour de France 1987 (Stage 25) 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Cais Am Gan 8.00 Fo A Fe 8.30 Cadw'r Oed 9.00 Georgiaid Efionydd 9.45 Nights and Days 10.45 Film: The Phantom Light' 12.05am Close.

Ballet bonanza: the Bolshoi's Galina Stepanyenko and Alexander Mohakhov and a scene from a Royal Ballet performance

A cornucopia of dance

Four dance companies compete for attention and audiences in London this week. The Royal Ballet is back in the Big Top at Battersea Park for one week only; a chance to see them at prices well below Covent Garden's. The programmes are easy to enjoy, with Ashton's romantic comedy *La Fille mal gardée*, Monday to Thursday. Friday and August 1 bring a new work by Ashley Page, flanked by two crowd pullers. *The Dream* by Ashton and *Elite Syncopations* by MacMillan.

London Festival Ballet, opening a three-week season on the South Bank, counter with *Coppelia*. Rudolf Nureyev partners Lucia Truglia. Tuesday to Thursday; with Mireille Bourgeois and Martin James, an attractive couple, on Friday.

Meanwhile, Merce Cunningham continues at Sadler's Wells until August 1. The dancers are good: John Cage is in charge of the music; but the chief attraction is Cunningham's highly individual choreography, and each programme includes one or more works new to London.

At the Coliseum, it is the dancers who are the main draw: young hopefuls who are at, or recently from, the Bolshoi Ballet school in Moscow. They also run until August 1 with programmes of extracts from popular ballets and a selection of shorter display pieces.

This is merely the busiest single week in what is for dance lovers a very congested couple of months. July has already seen the National Ballet of Canada and London Contemporary Dance Theatre clashing for their short London seasons, and London Festival Ballet at the Coliseum had to compress as wide a selection as possible from it's growing repertory into just two weeks.

Things get only slightly easier during August. Ballet Rambert follows the Royal Ballet into the Big Top, with programmes including new works by Lynn Seymour (based on Mozart's life and music) and Richard Alston. They clash with two more weeks by London Festival Ballet at the Festival Hall, including a revival of Frederick Ashton's eloquently poetic version of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Then a company from Brazil, known as Cisne Negro, Portuguese for "Black Swan," arrives at the Festival Hall for a week, August 19 to 25, with Yoko Morishita and Fernando Bujones as guest stars. Nureyev and Ballet Theatre Francais also arrive in town (August 24-29 at the Palladium) with their programme in homage to the memory of Diaghilev and Nijinsky.

Then after nine weeks full of dance activity, there is not a single performance by any major dance company announced in London for more than six weeks, leaving the whole of September and half of October empty until the Royal Ballet re-opens at Covent Garden.

Would-be spectators who find themselves frustrated, by lack of time or money, from seeing as much as they would like of the competing productions during July and August, should vent their anger not at the companies concerned but at the lack of a big theatre in London available for dance all the year round. That, and not bad planning, is why so much is crowded into the brief period when the Coliseum and Festival Hall are vacant.

John Percival

The Big Top: Battersea Park (Advanced booking at Covent Garden 01-240-1066). **Royal Festival Hall** (01-928- 3191)
Sadler's Wells (01-278-8916)
Coliseum (01-836-3161)
Palladium (01-437-7373)

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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SATURDAY

CHOICE

● The new series featuring the Welsh tenor **Dennis O'Neill** (BBC2, 8.25pm) seems perfectly pitched for those who find the thought of Ronnie Corbett and Sacha Distel in *Seaside Special 87* on BBC1 too downmarket but would equally recoil at three unleavened hours of opera. Dennis O'Neill, small, dark, and, for an opera singer, decidedly on the trim side, performs before a huge and clap-happy audience at the St David's Hall, Cardiff. The repertoire is overwhelmingly mainstream: the Toreador chorus from *Carmen*, "Maria" from *West Side Story* and Mario Lanza's "Because". Anne Williams King, a soprano described by Dennis as "certainly a star of the future", comes on in a low-cut scarlet dress to render "One Fine Day" from *Madame Butterfly*. If by now the viewer thinks the only popular operatic piece missing is the drinking song from *La traviata*, that is the next item. Dennis signs off with "Nessun dorma" from *Turandot*, thanks everyone for helping him and hopes we have enjoyed it as much as they have. Viewers who zap over to BBC1 will probably find Ronnie Corbett saying exactly the same thing on *Seaside Special*.

Peter Waymark

The tenor Dennis O'Neill whose first television series, named after him, begins on BBC2 tonight (8.25pm)

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.30 The Family Ness (r). **8.35 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** (r). **9.00 It's Wicked!** at Carlisle Castle. **10.52 Weather.**
10.55 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **11.00, 2.05, 3.25** and **4.00 Cricket: Fourth Test.** The third day's play from Edgbaston; **1.05 News; 1.10, 3.40** and **4.40 Canoeing:** the World Wild Water and Slalom Championships from Bourg St Maurice, France; **1.55, 2.30** and **3.15 Racing from Ascot.**
5.05 News with Debbie Thrower. Weather. **5.15** Sport/ Regional news.
5.20 The Krankies' Elektronik Komik. Among the guests in this first of a new series are The Great Soprendo and Kim Wilde and Junior.
5.55 The 1987 Royal Tournament from Earls Court includes a 3,000-strong pageant depicting the story of the Royal Navy.
6.55 Film: Carry On, Don't Lose Your Head (1967) starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Jim Dale. Set at the time of the French Revolution when the mysterious Black Fingernail is helping French aristocrats to escape the guillotine. Directed by Gerald Thomas. (Ceefax)
8.25 Seaside Special 87. The first of a new variety series, introduced by Mike Smith from Jersey. Tonight's host is Ronnie Corbett and among the guests is Sacha Distel.
9.15 Bluebell. Episode three (r). (Ceefax)
10.10 News and sport. With Debbie Thrower. Weather.
10.25 Miami Vice. Crockett and Tubbs, investigating the murder of a deputy DA, receive an anonymous telephone tip-off. (Ceefax)
11.15 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r).
11.45 Film: High Country (1984) starring John Waters and Terry Serio. A made-for-television drama set in Australia about a champion racehorse and the efforts made by the owner to keep it out of the hands of an unscrupulous gang. Directed by Bill Hughes.
1.25 Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
2.20 Network East. The first of a new magazine series for Asian viewers. The subjects include the plight of the old abandoned by their family; interviews with Keith Vaz, the first Asian MP since the 1920s, and Benazir Bhutto; and a display of swordsmanship by the Kalahari Cult.
3.00 No Limits. A repeat of Tuesday's rock programme from Whitley Bay.
3.50 The High Chaparral. Will Cupid persuade Buck to work on another ranch? (r) (Ceefax)
4.40 Cricket: Fourth Test. The closing session of the third day's play in the game at Edgbaston between England and Pakistan.
6.10 The Mighty Leek. A *Forty Minutes* documentary about the fierce rivalries between the contestants during the World Open Leek Championships (r).
6.50 Review: Burgess at 70. In Venice, Russell Davies talks to Anthony Burgess about *his life and career.* Martin Amis and Paul Theroux assess the author's talents (revised repeat).
7.20 Discovering Portuguese. Part two (r).
7.45 NewsView with Debbie Thrower and Moira Stuart. Weather.
8.25 Dennis O'Neill. The first of a new series featuring the Welsh tenor. (see Choice)
9.05 Film: Swing Time (1936, b/w) starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. A Jerome Kern musical about an inveterate gambler, late for his wedding because of a crap game, who is forced to make amends by making his fortune in New York from capital of a quarter. Directed by George Stevens. (Ceefax)
10.45 On Stage. Lynda Baron, Keith Barron, Stephanie Lawrence and Frank Middlemass talk about an actor's life.
11.10 Cricket: Fourth Test. Highlights of the third day's play.
11.40 Film: Frankenstein Created Woman (1966) starring Peter Cushing as the Baron who creates a woman with the soul of a wrongly-executed man. Directed by Terence Fisher. Ends at **1.15.**

ITV/LONDON

6.55 TV-am. Weather at **6.58** and news at **7.00.**
7.30 Wide Awake Club
9.25 Get Fresh at the Kelso Agricultural Fair **11.30 The Roxy.** (r)
12.00 News.
12.05 Wrestling from Victoria Leisure Centre, Nottingham.
1.00 Film: The Capture of Grizzly Adams (1981) starring Dan Haggerty. A made-for-television story about a mountain man who has lived in the wilds for years in order to escape a false murder charge. When he hears his sister has died and that his daughter is to be sent to an orphanage, Grizzly decides to return to town. Directed by Don Keeslar.
3.00 Athletics. The TSB Women's AAA Championships from the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.
4.50 Emergency 999 Update. Follow-up stories from the teams in Glasgow, the West Midlands and Southampton.
5.00 News.
5.05 Walt Disney Presents. *A Pluto cartoon (r).*
5.15 Champion Blockbusters
6.00 Cue Gary! Gary Wilmot takes a wry look at a favourite subject. (Oracle)
6.45 Kate and Ted's Show. Comedy impressions from Kate and Ted Robbins.
7.15 5 Alive. Comedy sketches.
7.45 Family Fortunes. Game show.
8.15 Summertime Special. Topping the bill on this week's variety show are Jimmy Cricket and Roger Whittaker.
9.15 News.
9.30 Bullman. The colourful investigator helps two men from his past. (Oracle)
10.30 Emergency 999. Saturday night live with the emergency services. Presented by Michael Aspel.
11.45 LWT News headlines followed by **Film: The Lovers!** (1972) starring Richard Beckinsale and Paula Wilcox. Comedy about a bank clerk looking for the permissive society and a secretary searching for a husband. Directed by Herbert Wise.
1.25 The Baron investigates a drugs smuggling ring (r). *Ends at* **2.15.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Pets in Particular includes a ferret. Last in the series (r). **10.00 Moneyspinner** (r) **10.30 Scotland's Story.** Part one of 24 (r). **11.00 Same Difference.** For the disabled (r). **11.30 Dancin' Days** (r). **12.25 Sea War** (b/w) Part four (r). **12.55 Murun Buchstansangur.**
1.00 Film: How to Steal a Million (1966) starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter O'Toole. Comedy about an art forger's daughter who mistakenly hires a private detective to steal a work of art. Directed by William Wyler.
3.20 Film: Malaya (1949, b/w) starring Spencer Tracy and James Stewart. Second World War drama about a plan to smuggle rubber out of occupied Malaya. Directed by Richard Thorpe.
5.00 Brookside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply. *C4*'s decision not to show the religious series Jesus - Then and Now, is defended by Dr Robert Towler, commissioning editor *of religious programmes*
6.30 Tour de France 1987. Stage 24: the Dijon Time Trial.
7.00 News summary and weather followed by **Late Late Show Extra.** Gay Byrne talks to Father Bernard Lynch, a Roman Catholic priest based in New York, who deals with the spiritual and temporal needs of Aids sufferers.
7.30 Bandung File includes a profile of black novelist, Caryl Phillips.
8.30 All Muck and Magic? Organic gardening.
9.00 Nights and Days. Episode ten of the Polish drama serial.
10.05 St Elsewhere. Dr Craig frets as Dr Turner struggles to save his prematurely-born granddaughter.
11.00 Arthur and Phil Go Off. . . up the M1. Comedy series.
11.45 Film: Dark Eyes of London (1939, b/w) starring Bela Lugosi. Thriller about the murderous head of a home for the blind. Directed by Walter Summers.
1.10 Film: Down Three Dark Streets (1954, b/w) starring Broderick Crawford. An FBI agent investigates the murder of a colleague. Directed by Arnold Laven. Ends at **2.45.**

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight.
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Including **2.00-3.00** Behind the Mark – the Eric Clapton Story (3) **4.00-5.00** New American Chart Show **6.30-7.30** In Concert (The Godfathers, plus The Snakes of Shake). **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00**. Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm**
4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** Gerald Harper **10.00** Sounds of the 60s (Lonnie Donegan) **11.00** Album Time **1.00pm** Wise on the Wireless (with Ernie Wise) **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes Golf (British Senior's Open, Cricket (England v Pakistan) and Athletics (WAAA from Birmingham). Also Racing (The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes) **6.00** The Impressionists **6.30** Song by Song by Sondheim **7.00** Three in a Row **7.30** Rogers and Hammerstein at the Barbican **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Night Owls **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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Radio 3

N.B. Programmes are on both VHF and MW, except **Test Match** (third day of Fourth Test) on MW only, **10.55am** to **6.30pm**
6.35 Open University. Education bulletin
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: German (Three dances, Tom Jones: LSO), Skroup (E flat trio: Slovacek, Jirovec, Bilek), Thomas (Hamlet ballet music: Scottish National Orchedstra). **8.00** World Service News
8.10 Concert (contd): Barber (Souvenirs: Feder and Gilgore, pianos), Mozart (Cosi dunque tradisci: Fischer-Dieskau), Moscheles (Piano Concerto in G minor: Ponti with Philharmonia Hungarica). **9.00** News
9.05 Stereo Release: Mozart (Symphony No 28: Vienna PO), Martinu (Rhapsody-Concerto: Golani, viola, with Berne SO), Lutoslawski (Dance Preludes: Brunner, clarinet, with Bavarian RSO), Grieg (Peer Gynt suite No 1: Ulster Orchestra)
10.20 French songs: Russell Smythe (baritone), Graham Johnson (piano). Debussy (Fêtes galantes: Les ingénus, Le faune, Colloque sentimental), Bizet (Vieille chanson; Ma vie a son secret; La coccinelle), Fauré (L'horizon chimérique)
10.55 Haydn and Shostakovich: Roth String Quartet. Haydn's E flat quartet, Op 64 No 6, and Shostakovich's Quartet No 2
11.50 Berlin Radio SO: Debussy (Khamma, orch Koechlin), Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6). **1.00** News
1.05 English Piano Music: Malcolm Binns plays William Baines's Seven Preludes; William Sterndale Bennett's Suite de Piéce; and Delius's Three Preludes; Dance for harpsichord; Five Pieces
2.00 Maria Callas: Verdi's four-act opera, sung in Italian. La Scala Orchestra under Karajan, with cast including *Panerai, Di Stefano,* Barbieri, Villa and Zaccaria. Acts one and two. Acts three and four *begin at* **3.15**
4.25 Cello and Piano: Susan Salm and Daniel Epstein. Beethoven (Variations on Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen, Op 66), Hindemith (Three Easy Pieces), Webern (Three Little Pieces Op 11), Mendelssohn (Variations concertantes Op 17)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton
5.45 Himalaya: third of John Keay's documentaries (r)
6.30 Organ music: Jane Watts, in Westminster Cathedral. Dupré works including Prelude and Fugue in B major Op 7 No 1; and Variations sur un Noël
7.05 God's First Draft: Anna Massey reads Stephen Dunstone's story
7.30 Proms 87: BBC Concert Orchestra under Isiah Jackson, with Philip Martin (piano). Part one. Schubert (Symphony No 8), Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on theme of Paganini). In the interval (**8.25**), Sam Wanamaker reads from Aaron Copland's autobiography
8.45 Proms (contd): Copland (Dance Symphony); Gershwin (An American in Paris)
9.40 Houseman on the Federal Theatre: John Houseman talks to Christopher Cook (r)
10.00 Myaskovsky: Nona Liddell (violin) and Daphne Ibbott (piano). Sonata in F major, Op 70
10.35 BBC Singers: with London Brass. Includes works by Nicola Le Fanu (The valleys shall sing), Anthony Payne, Lutyens (The Tyme doth flete), Feliciano, and Maconchy (Two settings of Gerard Manley Hopkins poems)
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; *Weather* **6.10** Farming **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather; Travel
7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather; Travel **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway. Bernard Falk, with news of holidays and leisure activities
10.00 News; Loose Ends. Ned Sherrin and his team, including Carol Thatcher, Craig Charles and Jonathan Ross
11.00 The Week in Westminster. With Peter Riddell, Political Editor of the Financial Times
11.27 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; Taste of the East. Derek Cooper reports on nutrition and agriculture in the tropics (4) China tea drinking
12.25 Quote ... Unquote. Nigel Rees challenges Celia Haddon, John Julius Norwich, Janet Suzman and Daniel Topolski to identify quotations **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 With Great Pleasure. Astronomer Heather Couper *presents* a selection of her favourite prose and poetry. The readers are Timothy West and Kika Markham (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Second Edition. Gillian Reynolds and guests look back at some Radio 4 magazine programmes
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. Wedding Song by James Robson. With Jane Knowles, Jon Strickland and Morag Hodod. The story of a *ménage à trois* (r) (s)
4.15 Fine Arts Brass. The chamber ensemble show the lighter side of their repertoire
4.30 SO4 (Science on 4). With Peter Evans.
5.00 The Living World. The issue of new genetically altered organisms which *have been released* into the environment in America. With Jeremy Cherfas
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Sports round-up
6.25 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson. Includes a song from Instant Sunshine (s)
7.00 Saturday-Night Theatre. Baltimore by David Gannaway. With Denys Hawthorne and John Abineri. Seagoing drama, set in 1890, about a man who seeks revenge for the death of his old shipmate(s)
8.30 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with words and music on record
9.30 Thriller! Fatal Inversion by Ruth Rendell. The reader is Lewis Flander (Part 5)
9.50 Ten to Ten. Reading, a hymn and a reflection. With Myra Blytgh . **10.00** News
10.15 In Keeping with Tradition Keith Allan meets David Denholm, senior keeper in the Grainger Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne
10.30 Braden Beside Himself. With Bernard Braden. This week: Money Matters. Includes the wit and wisdom of Groucho Marx, Mark Twain, Carlotta Monti, and Stephen Leacock
11.00 Even Looser Ends. Longer version of this morning's Loose Ends
12.00 News; Weather
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **4.20-6.00** Options **4.30** American Authors **5.00** State of Industry **5.30** Franc-Parler

SUNDAY

Fascist salutes from Londoners of all ages during the early years of Mussolini (Channel 4, 8.15pm)

CHOICE

● **Dangerous Characters** (Channel 4, 8.15pm) is a two-part study of the Italian immigrant community in Britain up to the end of the Second World War. In the 19th century, they might have been characters but they were hardly dangerous. Coming to Britain in search of work, many unable to read or write, they settled in the Clerkenwell area of London, spreading to Soho, and they sold ice-cream, sharpened knives and became chefs and waiters. After the First World War, reflecting events in the mother country, the community split into those who supported Mussolini and the Fascists and those who set up in opposition. The Blackshirts were active in Britain three years before Mussolini came to power. And it was from London that many of the plots to assassinate Mussolini were hatched — a hub of anti-Fascist activity being the King Bomba delicatessen in Soho. When Mussolini declared war on Britain in 1940, Italians living here became regarded as "dangerous characters", and, regardless of political stance, were interned. The two programmes (the second is on Wednesday) throw fascinating light on a little known aspect of our recent history.

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BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.55 Play School 9.15 Articles of Faith. (r). **9.30 This is the Day** from the campus of University College Swansea for the World Council of the Girls Friendly Society.
10.00 Wildlife on One. Gannets (r). (Ceefax) **10.25 Antiques at Home** from Antony House, near Torpoint. **10.55 The Healing Arts.** Homeopathy (r) (Ceefax)
11.45 Favourite Walks. Bill Oddie bird watches on Fair Isle (r). **12.10 Sign Extra.** Cooking vegetables - Chinese style (r). **12.35 Farming** investigates the future of farm tourism in the Peak District and the West Country. **12.58 Weather.**
1.00 News headlines **1.05 Bonanza.** Little Joe is in jail and ishappy (r). **1.50 Cartoon Double Bill 2.00 EastEnders** (r) (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: Rose Marie (1954) starring Howard Keel and Ann Blyth. Rudolph Friml's operetta set in the Canadian *Rockies. Directed by* Mervyn Leroy. **4.40 Woody Woodpecker.**
4.50 The Yorks in Canada. Highlights from the second week of the royal visit.
5.25 Aled. Aled Jones sings with Bob Codd, Ingrid Surgenor and Huw Tregelles Williams.
5.55 Steam Days. Miles Kington puffs from Bristol across Brunel's Saltash Bridge (r).
6.25 News and weather.
6.40 Home on Sunday. Cliff Michelmore visits General Eva Burrows. (Ceefax)
7.15 ScreenStory: Peter the Great. Episode one of an Emmy-award winning four-part story of the Russian Tsar, starring Jan Niklas in the title role. (Ceefax)
8.45 Bread. Comedy series (r).
9.15 Hemingway. Part three of the four-programme series on the life and works of Ernest Hemingway. (Ceefax)
10.20 News and weather.
10.35 Choices. Are the people who seek political office the best people to lead the nation? Lord Deedes, Dr Elizabeth Vallance, Fr Campbell-Johnson and Lord Elwyn-Jones discuss.
11.15 When in Spain. (r).
11.40 Network East. (r).
12.20 Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
1.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is:
1.30 Motor Racing: the German Grand Prix from Hockenheim. The commentators are Murray Walker and James Hunt; **4.00 Cricket:** the Refuge Assurance League match between Leicestershire and Yorkshire. The commentators at Grace Road are Peter Walker and Ralph Dellor
6.45 It's Garry Shandling's Show. American comedy show. This week, Garry goes to a baseball game with his chum, Pete, who is hit between the eyes with the ball.
7.15 Favourite Things. Russell Harty in conversation with Mrs Thatcher in Number Ten's White Drawing Room. The Prime Minister talks about the rewards of motherhood; her favourite season, Spring; reads from a Rupert Brooke poem; and discusses her approach to Prime *Minister's Question* Time in the Commons.
7.45 Osprey Summer. A profile of a family of ospreys, recorded throughout the summer by video, in and around their nest in the Highlands of Scotland.
8.30 Top Crown. The first quarter-final of the eighth series of the BBC2 Invitation Pairs Crown Green Bowling Tournament, from the Nobles Park Bowling Club on the Isle of Man. Brian Porter and Harry Ward play the joint favourites, Noel Burrows and Roy Armson. Introduced by Richard Duckenfield with commentary by the ebullient Harry Rigby.
9.15 Film: Rancho Deluxe (1974) starring Jeff Bridges and Sam Waterson. A modern-day comedy western about a pair of drifters who refuse to acknowledge the modern world's laws and continue to rustle cattle, much to the annoyance of a powerful Montana beef baron. Directed by Frank Perry.
10.45 Grand Prix. Highlights of the German Grand Prix.
11.20 The Week in the Lords introduced by Christopher Jones. Ends at **12.05.**

ITV/LONDON

6.55 TV-am
8.00 Summer Sunday With Henry Kelly includes a profile of actress Francesca Annis.
9.25 Wake Up London 9.30 Film: The Looney, Looney, Looney Bugs Bunny Movie. (1981) A feature length cartoon directed by Fritz Freleng
11.00 Morning Worship from Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay. **12.00 Jobwatch.** How an old established firm transfers to new technology. **12.30 Easy.** Giving and receiving feedback.
1.00 Face the Press. Labour MP, Joan Ruddock is questioned by Ann Leslie of the *Daily Mail* and James Naughtie of the *Guardian*.
1.30 Getting On. Magazine programme for the older viewer. **2.00 LWT News** headlines followed by **Care Bears** (r).
2.30 International Athletics. The Pearl Assurance Invitational from the Gateshead Stadium.
4.30 Shadow of The Stone. Episode one of a new six-*part children's drama.* Starring Shirley Henderson. (Oracle)
5.00 Turning the Tide. David Bellamy follows the formation and fall of a raindrop.
5.30 Benson. American comedy series.
6.00 The Duke and Duchess of York in Canada. Highlights of the second week.
6.30 News.
6.40 Appeal on behalf of The Association to Aid the Sexual and Personal Relationships of People with a Disability.
6.45 Sing Out. Among Roger Whittaker's guests is George Hamilton IV.
7.15 Tarby's Frame Game. Game show.
7.45 Emergency 999. Michael Aspel concludes the weekend's tribute to the 999 emergency services.
8.45 News.
9.00 Floodtide. The final episode.
10.00 Watching. Comedy love story
10.30 The Jimmy Young Television Programme. A discussion on modern sportsmanship includes the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan.
11.15 LWT News headlines followed by **The Silk Road.**
12.10 Derrick. German detective series. Ends at **1.15.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Fahmida's Story. Episode one of a three-part Pakistani drama. **10.00 Bandung File** (r). **11.00 The Waltons.** Episode two.
12.00 Network 7. Current affairs magazine for young people
2.00 Nature in Focus. The secret sea creatures who have adapted to tidal changes in an estuary. (Oracle)
2.30 Film: Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe (1945) starring Betty Grable, Dick Haymes and Phil Silvers. Romantic musical. Directed by George Seaton.
4.25 Film: Idle Roomers (1944, b/w) starring The Three Stooges who reduce a smart hotel to chaos. Directed by Del Lord.
4.45 The Dream That Kicks. This final programme in the series about images of Wales and the Welsh on film includes Emlyn Williams talking about the only film which he directed and wrote, *The Last Days of Dolwyn.*
5.15 News summary and weather followed by *Dressage. The FEI* European Championships.
6.15 Tour de France 1987. The 25th and final stage: the 125km ride from Creteil to Paris.
7.15 The Struggles for Poland. Part eight - the role of the Roman Catholic Church from the turn of the century to 1979. (Oracle)
8.15 People to People: Dangerous Characters. (Oracle) (see Choice)
9.15 Play: Some Day Man, by Barbara Angell. Jamaican-born Mik came to Britain in the 1960s full of optimism but no-one tapped his talent - until now when a stranger arrives on his doorstep and offers him the job of his dreams. Starring Joseph Marcell. (Oracle)
10.15 Film: Le Pétomane (1973) starring Leonard Rossiter as Joseph Pujol, an anal impressionist in Paris at the turn of the century Directed by Ian MacNaughton.
10.55 Film: The Sea Wolf (1941, b/w) starring Edward G Robinson. Drama about the sadistic captain of a freighter who picks up survivors from a wrecked ferry and keeps them captive. Directed by Michael *Curtiz.* Ends at **12.35.**

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half hour from until **11.30am**, then at **2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30pm** Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club (Top 10s from 1983, 1977, 1971) **2.30** Sunday Live **3.30** Radio 1 More Time **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Serenade **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**). Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm**
4.00am David Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies for You (BBC Concert Orchestra) **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Sunday Sport. Includes golf, cricket, Grand Prix, athletics **6.30** Anne Ziegler presents records **7.35** Grand Hotel (Jack Rothstein and Palm Court Orchestra) **8.30** Hymns on Holiday (1) Snape, Suffolk **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** David Kaye at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz (incl Stan Tracey and Don Weller **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Arts: leisure
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Solomon: the pianist with the Philharmonia under Dobrowen plays Brahms's Piano Concerto No 2. **8.00** World Service News
8.10 Theme and variations: Schubert (Variations in A flat major, D813: Christoph Eschenbach and Justus Frantz, pianos), d'Indy (Istar, Op 42: Loire PO), Vaughan Williams (Five Variations of Dives and Lazarus: CBSO under Norman del Mar). **9.00** News
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Vivaldi (Lute Concerto in D, RV 93: with Jakob Lindberg, lute), Stanford (Sailing at Dawn, with *Luxon, baritone*), Bach (Sonata in E minor, BWV 1034: Preston, Savall, Pinnock), Dvorak (Suite in A Op 98: Kvapil, piano), Mozart (Das Bandel, K 441: Hollweg, Kmentt and Berry), Reger (Variations and Fugue on Mozart theme: Dresden Staatskapelle under Heinz Bongartz)
10.45 Prom Talk: includes Barry Douglas on the giants of the concerto repertoire. With Roger Nichols (talking about the music of Florent Schmitt and Chausson), Simon Holt and Anthony Rooley
11.15 Violin and piano: Mayumi Fujikawa and Craig Sheppard. Schubert (Sonatina in D, D384). Schumann (Sonata in D *minor* Op 121), Prokofiev (Sonata No 2)
12.40 From the Dresden Festival: BBC Welsh SO, under Tadaaki Otaka, with Peter Donohoe (piano). Daniel Jones (Dance Fantasy), Ravel (Piano Concerto in G), Beethoven (Symphony No 7)
2.15 Two Minnesingers: *Catherine Bott (soprano),* Michael George (baritone), New London Consort. Songs by the medieval German love-song composers Walther von der Vogelweide and Neidhart von Reuenthal
3.35 *Scottish Chamber* Orchestra, with Aurèle Nicolet (flute). Part one. Stravinsky (Concerto in D), Mozart (Flute Concerto in G, K313)
4.15 The Day's Work: Elaine Claxton and Denys Hawthorne read Patric Dickinson's verse selection
4.30 Concert (contd): Mozart (Symphony No 32), Bartok (Music for strings, percussion and celesta)
5.15 Himalaya: fourth of John Keay's seven documentaries. Whither the Wilderness? *(r)*
6.00 Proms 87 · Gillian Weir (organ). Works by Valente, Franck (Chorale No 2), Heiller, Petr Eben, Jehan Alain and Oliver Messiaen. From the Royal Albert Hall, in London
7.10 In the Midst of Life: works by Purcell (including Elegy upon the death of Queen Mary) and Blow (Ode on the death of Mr Henry Purcell), with Charles Brett and Timothy Penrose (counter-tenors)
8.00 Proms (continued): the *Philharmonia* Orchestra under Giuseppe Sinopoli. Mahler (Symphony No 5).
9.40 Houseman on Radio; *John Houseman talks to* Christopher Cook (r)
10.00 Massimilliano Damerini *(piano): Schoenberg (Three* Pieces, Op 11), Webern (Variations, Op 27), Busoni (Sonatina seconda), Schoenberg (Piano Piece Op 11 No 2)
10.45 Walford Davies and Ivor Gurney: Bochmann String Quartet, with Ian Caddy (baritone), Allan Schiller (piano). Davies (Prospice), and Gurney (Western Playland)
11.25 Beethoven. Busch Quartet play Quartet in F, Op 135. **11.57** News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Prelude (s)
6.30 Morning Has Broken (s) **6.55** *Weather; Travel* **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** Waterlines **7.40** Sunday (Religious news and views)
8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause **8.55** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service (from Chapel Street United Reformed Church, Sidmouth)
10.15 The Archers
11.15 News Stand. With Linda Christmas
11.30 Pick of the Week. With Ken Livingstone
12.15 Desert Island Discs. Michael Parkinson's guest is Kenneth Williams (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping
2.00 A Small Country Living. With Jeanine McMullen
2.30 The Afternoon Play. Never Been Kissed in the Same Place Twice by Allan Prior. A love story in 6 parts. With David Suchet (3)
3.30 Kilimanjaro. Last year, *8000 people had a go at* climbing it. Cindy Selby reports on her attempt
4.00 New; Enterprise. Marjorie Lofthouse visits a bakery business which began as a Manpower Services Scheme
4.30 The Natural History Programme. Good news about warblers and sand martins (r)
5.00 News; Travel: Take a Place Like ... Whitehaven. With Tim Schadla-Hall, Stanley Ellis and John Grundy
5.40 Anything You Can Do. (3) Arthur Martin, Avon lady **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather: Travel
6.00 News
6.15 A Sideways Look at ... With Anthony Smith
6.30 International Assignment. BBC correspondents report
7.00 *East Lynne* by Mrs Henry Wood (7) Until Eternity (s). With Rosemary Leach
8.00 A Good Read. Mat Coward and Jane Ellison pick some paperbacks
8.30 A Word in Edgeways. Brian Redhead in conversation with David *Benedictus. Dipak Nandy* and Aubrey Singer
9.00 News: A Lexicon of Laughter. With Richard Anthony Baker
9.30 Law in Action. With John Eidinow
10.00 News
10.15 Victoria with Anna Massey as the Queen (6) Jubilee. The narrator is Robert Powell
11.00 Seeds of Faith. Listening to God (3). With Joyce Huggett
11.15 Ghost Story. Joss Ackland reads Laura by Robert Aickman
11.30 Hermione. Tribute to Hermione Gingold (r)
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather: Travel **7.00-8.00** Open University **7.00** Maths Foundation Tutorial **7.20** *What is Place?* **7.40** *Cancer* Research **4.00-6.00** Options **4.00** Crime and Punishment **4.30** On Course **5.00** Employment Counselling **5.30** Not so Long Ago

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Credibility of America has been restored says Shultz

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr George Shultz, in a clear attempt to restore confidence at home and abroad, brushed aside all questions about his resigning yesterday in the light of his extraordinary testimony to the Iran-Contra hearing and said the damage to US credibility had been remedied.

The Secretary of State also insisted that he could not have stopped the Iran initiative by acting more forcefully or done anything more in December 1985 to persuade President Reagan to abandon it.

"I don't think there are any more arguments I could have thought of," he told the congressional investigating committee. He did not take his resignation to the brink, he said, "because I do not like threats".

Asked whether he now felt comfortable remaining in the Cabinet after the humiliations of the Iran-Contra affair, he asked, amid laughter: "Are you a psychiatrist or something?" Mr Shultz insisted, however, that US foreign policy was not now in disarray, and had not been fatally damaged.

By and large, he said, it had gone forward with widespread support within the Administration and with Congress. "It's been a very strong, coherent set of policies." He said policies were debated within the Administration, and it would be alarming if they were not.

He admitted that relations with the Arab world and policy on terrorism "had a rough spot", but said this had been overcome. The US had stood by its responsibilities in the Gulf. People could see that. America had not backed off.

Mr Shultz went out of his way yesterday to praise the new "sensational" team in the White House, including Mr Frank Carlucci, the National Security Adviser, and Mr Howard Baker, the Chief of Staff.

He turned aside questions about the late Mr William Casey, the former CIA director whom he identified on Thursday as his main opponent in the "battle royal" over arms sales to Iran. He denied that Mr Reagan relied excessively on Mr Casey, saying the President relied on himself. He was "a very decisive person".

The contrast between Mr Shultz's testimony yesterday with his searing indictments on Thursday was marked. Senators made much of the feuding he had described. But he was at pains to underline the new team spirit, and the Administration's unity over the President's major foreign policy objectives, including those on arms control, the Middle East and support for the Contras in Nicaragua.

Mr Shultz strongly differentiated between the Iran-Contra crisis and Watergate. He said a cover-up was "the essence of the Watergate problem". In the current case, Mr Reagan had set in motion a very quick investigation as he began to sense that something was wrong.

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Maxwell closes the Daily News

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Group, owners of LDN's main rival, *The London Evening Standard*, re-launched the defunct *London Evening News* at 15 pence per copy. Mr Maxwell branded it "a temporary phenomenon" and a "cheapo" newspaper – and promptly cut his own cover price of 20 pence by half to 10p, saying newsvendors could keep it all.

There followed accusations by Mr Maxwell that the *News* and *Standard* circulation men were intimidating news vendors into selling only their papers and he took out a writ, later withdrawn, accusing the *News* of trying to sabotage the launch of LDN.

The Standard retaliated with a writ of its own and forced Mr Maxwell to apologise publicly over his allegations that the owners were lying about their circulation figures.

A month after the launch, Mr Maxwell announced that his newspaper would print on Saturdays – and that the price was going back to 20 pence.

News of the closure came as a complete surprise to the paper's 400 staff who were called to the Rotunda – a centre in the *Daily Mirror* building – by Mr Maxwell at 12.15 yesterday lunchtime.

But last night, the paper's editor, Mr Magnus Linklater, said he had asked journalists to hang on before accepting outside offers.

He said he had offered Mr Maxwell his resignation two weeks ago but it had been refused. Mr Linklater added: "There's an enormous amount to be done and there are plans which have to remain secret for the moment".

LDN journalists were speculating that this "hint" might mean there was to be another launch of a new paper.

Leaders of the two print unions – Sogat and the NGA – said the closure had come as a complete surprise.

Last hope for one of the rarest birds

Proud father and fledgling. The red-backed shrike, once a familiar sight in Britain, is now on the point of extinction. But a pair have hatched three or four young in Thetford Forest on the Norfolk/Suffolk border this summer. The eggs were laid in June and the young are expected to leave their Hawthorn bush bower early next month. About the size of a sparrow, the shrike is also known as the butcher bird, because it impales insect prey on thorns. Other dietary favourites include dragonflies, grasshoppers, lizards and small snakes. The male bird is light grey with a bluish head and a pink breast colouration. His female counterpart has a russet brown head and back. The population of 250 pairs in 1960 was reduced to less than 25 in 1980. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Passenger killed in aircraft hijacking

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bers overpowered the man as police commandos rushed aboard. Three other passengers were injured.

A Swiss Government spokesman, Mr Achille Casanova, said that the gunman's demands included the release of Hamadei, who has been the focal point of protracted diplomatic contacts between Bonn and Washington. He was arrested at Frankfurt in January and faces murder charges in connection with the hijacking of a TWA jet in 1985 in which a US Navy diver died. The 22-year-old suspect's elder brother, Mr Abbas Ali Hamadei, was also arrested in Germany and is held on other charges.

Two West German businessmen who disappeared in Beirut are believed to be hostages held by sympathizers of one or both of the Hamadei brothers. Mr Robert Ducret, head of the Swiss Crisis Unit which was set up during yesterday's hijacking, said that the gunman told a security officer that his action was linked to "a problem with his brother held in West Germany". There was no evidence that the gunman belonged to the Hamadei family.

The man has produced an identity card in the name of Hussein Ali Mohammad Hariri, but it was not immediately confirmed that this was his identity.

Sources in Beirut said that Hariri was a Southern Lebanese Shia Muslim.

The five-hour drama began when the Air Afrique plane, a DC10 with 148 passengers and 15 crew on board, was on the final Rome-Paris leg of a flight with several stops which began in Brazzaville. The gunman was thought to have boarded at Bangui. Firing two shots, he forced his way into the cockpit soon after take-off from Rome and demanded to be taken to Beirut or Saudi Arabia.

"He was very excited and said he had a score to settle with France," the pilot, Captain Edouard Artuzzi, said later.

● **GENEVA:** President Mitterrand expressed his gratitude yesterday to the Swiss authorities for ending the hijack, while France's Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, praised President Houphouet-Boigny, of Ivory Coast, where Air Afrique is based, for ordering the crew not to take off again from Geneva (AFP reports).

Zeebrugge disaster ferry company 'sloppiness' claim

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of bulkheads to increase the stability of ferries, and said the possibility of introducing a licensing system for ferry operators should be considered. It endorsed the installation of indicators lights to show that bow and stern doors had been closed, and also the use of closed circuit television to monitor vehicle decks.

Legal advisers for both Capt Lewry and Mr Sabel later said they would be considering appeals against the suspension of their certificates. Mr Eric Nevin, general secretary of the merchant officers' union Numast, said the two were being made scapegoats for errors committed by the whole community.

"Management has been severely criticized but nothing has happened to them. The man who left the doors open: nothing has happened to him. If it is not possible to punish all the other people involved, these two people should not have been chosen," he said.

Survivors and relatives of those who died aboard the Herald yesterday reacted angrily to the news that no action was to be taken against Townsend Thoresen. "It is almost as if the company's role is being swept under a legal carpet," said one woman survivor

Mr Alan Reynolds, whose student son died in the disaster and who has been campaigning for action against Townsend Thoresen, said last night: "I am amazed there has not been any prosecution against the company. They seem to be getting off scot free."

Mr Leslie Blanchard, son of Mrs Irene Blanchard, aged 49, who lost her husband Norman, aged 49, daughter Sharon, aged 28, and granddaughter Rebecca, aged four weeks, said from his home in Hullbridge, Essex: "The captain should never be allowed to sail again. He should be refused permission to appeal.

"He should not have sailed using the procedures laid down by Townsend. But then if he didn't sail, he would have lost his job. The company are more to blame because they are the ones who sort out the safety procedures."

The Townsend Thoresen chairman, Mr Peter Ford, said: "The judge has made some tough and pungent comments about the management of the company and individuals involved. You have to remember, this was a terrible tragedy involving the deaths of 193 people (a figure which includes five bodies still missing) including 38 of our own employees. Therefore it is quite right that what he says should be tough, to the point and critical of everything he found wrong."

Mr Ford said a full reply to the inquiry's criticism would be produced later.

Mr Mark Stanley, the assistant boatswain, said later that he would "always carry the guilt" of the disaster.

Last night Capt Lewry and Mr Sabel issued a statement on the inquiry findings through their solicitor, Mr Martin Sutton, saying: "We are relieved that the inquiry is over and that we can now make public our feelings of deep grief and sorrow for the loss of life of so many passengers and fellow seamen."

Channon acts to strengthen safety

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port is to provide an extra £1 million to fund research into improved designs.

The stability of older ferries is to be checked against new standards introduced in 1980. The inquiry recommended that ferries failing to meet those standards be phased out.

Mr Channon is to hold urgent consultations with port authorities and the ferry companies, beginning next week.

He wants ferries fitted with draught gauges, load indicators and tougher windows.

Though the Herald of Free Enterprise was not carrying more than the permitted number of passengers, he wants the companies to adopt a boarding card system to ensure limits cannot be exceeded.

The Herald was overloaded in terms of weight. Mr Channon will be seeking greater use of weighbridges. He will also examine problems caused when a dockside is so designed it makes it impossible to close loading doors until a vessel has set sail.

No effort would be spared to ensure a disaster like Zeebrugge would never happen again, he said.

Mr Channon stressed that it was the court, not he, which had decided that Townsend Thoresen had committed no statutory offence, and said the law should be changed. He also emphasised that Townsend Thoresen was now under new management, but he was repeatedly accused of hiding behind the law.

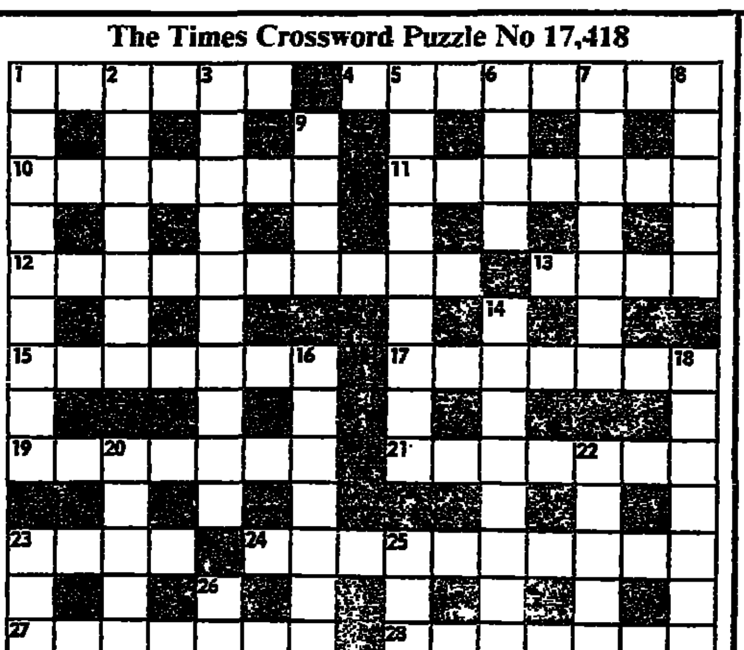
Mr Peter Snape, a Labour frontbench transport spokesman, described the Herald as "a latter-day Titanic wrecked on the iceberg of Department of Transport indifference, managerial incompetence, and working methods designed apparently only to shorten turn-around times regardless of risk".

The suspensions of the crew members were "deplorable".

However a number of senior Conservatives also demanded action against Townsend Thoresen.

Mr John Wheeler, MP for Westminster North, said justice had to be seen to be done and urged Mr Channon to present the evidence of the inquiry to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,418



ACROSS

1 Lad in quiet state (6).
4 Cancel verbally and immediately (5.3).
10 Guys keep it up and make a point (7).
11 Against going into the water with money (7).
12 Course given one star outside the province (4.6).
13 The bard intends to . . . (4).
15 . . . suffer ruin without work (7).
17 Recasts (in different role) Thespian (7).
19 Passage out of a pamphlet (7).
21 Promote most of the team without a shirt between them (7).
23 She takes a dual carriageway (4).
24 Wife not liking drink indulged in liquor, a small one (6.4).
27 Cheat to get double 7 (3-4).
28 Boy and girl – one is Asian (7).
29 Put one's foot down before the start of every rush (8).
30 Gipsy cheerfully shows spirit (6).

DOWN

1 Spur me on – I could be genuine (5-4).
2 Came and 'arassed a number inside (7).
3 As a rider, I request an alteration (10).
5 Bring about the overthrow of military man in popular country (9).
6 Yank in good condition (4).
7 Former ace has to eject upside-down (3-4).
8 It's calamitous when soldiers fall into the river (5).
9 Emperor has a letter from Greece from Sir Arthur Wing (4).
14 They might be an erk short (5.5).
16 You'll find them inside continuously improving (2.3.4).
18 How long would things keep moving if she fell? (5-4).
20 Chap put up a high ball – a bit of a gamble (7).
22 The language in which I'm put up to enter a club (7).
23 I'll get left behind when scholar takes this subject (5).
25 What grows underground? Not entirely underground (4).
26 Floppy disc – I'm into that (4).

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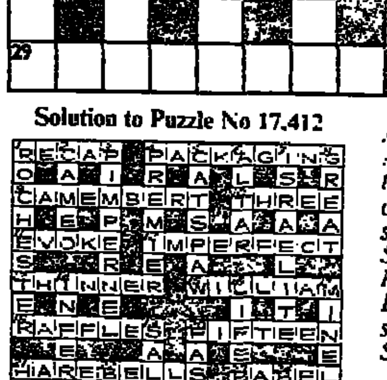
Solution to Puzzle No 17,412



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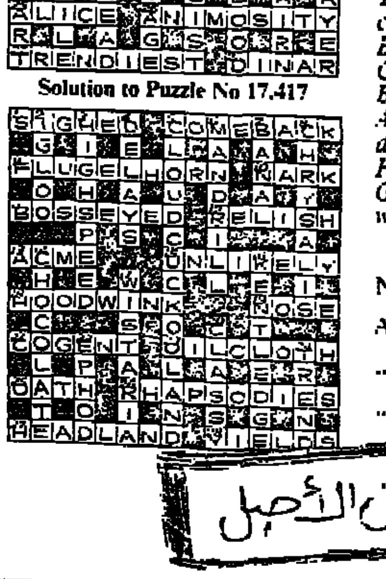

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: D B MacDonald, Birchdown, Hardenhuish Lane, Chippenham; M S Malthouse, 159 Bilton Lane, Harrogate; R J Armstrong, 51 Beattyville Gardens, Barkinside, Ilford; J Holligan, 30 Charles Cres, Lenzie, Glasgow; A L Kinsella, 27 Parkway, Pound Hill, W Sussex.

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WEATHER

Much of the country, apart from northern Scotland, will be dry and quite sunny with temperatures around normal for late July. It will be windy in the north of Scotland and frequent showers there will spread south. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Eastern areas will start dry and bright, but cloud and rain in the west will spread to all areas.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	29	84				
Akrotiri	s	35	95	Madrid	f	26	79
Alex'dria	s	31	88	Majorca	f	29	84
Algers	s	30	86	Malaga	s	29	84
Amst'dm	c	17	63	Malta	s	39	102
Athens	s	34	93	Melb'rne	s	11	52
Bahrain	s	39	102	Miami*	s	31	88
Barbads*	f	30	86	Milan	s	29	84
Barcelna	s	24	75	Montreal*	s	30	86
Belgrade	s	35	95	Moscow	c	26	79
Berlin	f	21	70	Munich	f	22	72
Bermuda*	s	28	82	Nairobi	c	21	70
Biarritz	r	17	63	Naples	c	39	102
Borde'x	c	23	73	N Delhi	s	37	99
Brussels	c	16	61	N York*	c	30	86
Budapst	s	31	88	Nice	s	30	86
B Aires*	f	13	55	Oslo	c	17	63
Cairo	s	38	100	Paris	f	20	68
Cape Tn	s	25	77	Seoul	c	25	77
C'blanca	s	24	75	Sing'por	f	28	82
Chicago*	s	32	90	St'kholm	f	20	68
Ch'church	c	7	45	Strasb'rg	f	24	75
Cologne	c	17	63	Sydney	c	13	55
C'phogn	c	18	64	Tangier	c	23	73
Corfu	s	39	102	Tel aviv	s	33	91
Dublin	f	16	61	Tenerife	s	25	77
Dubrovnik	s	34	93	Tokyo	s	35	95
Faro	c	22	72	Toronto*	f	32	90
Florence	s	33	91	Tunis	s	32	90
Frankfurt	f	21	70	Valencia	c	29	84
Funchal	s	24	75	Vienna	f	24	75
Geneva	f	22	72	Warsaw	f	25	77
Gibraltar	s	25	77	Wash'ton*	s	37	99
Helsinki	f	21	70	Wel'nton	c	9	46
Hong K	r	28	82	Zurich	f	23	73

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	4.1	-	15	59	sunny
Bridlington	2.6	-	15	59	cloudy
Cromer	-	.19	14	57	rain
Lowestoft	-	.14	15	59	rain
Clacton	-	.02	16	61	cloudy
Southend	-	.01	16	61	cloudy
Folkestone	0.1	.16	18	64	cloudy
Hastings	0.2	.31	17	63	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	.21	17	63	drizzle
Brighton	0.8	.26	17	63	dull
Worthing	0.4	.04	17	63	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.1	.01	17	63	cloudy
Bognor R	0.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	17	63	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	17	63	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	17	63	cloudy
Bournemth	0.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Poole	0.6	-	19	66	cloudy
Swanage	1.2	-	17	63	bright
Weymouth	1.2	-	20	68	bright
Torquay	2.0	-	19	66	bright
Penzance	8.0	-	21	70	sunny
Jersey	0.4	.01	18	64	cloudy
Guernsey	-	.04	16	61	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	12.0	-	18	64	sunny
Morecambe	12.0	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.7	-	18	64	bright
N'ctl-n-Tyne	5.0	-	19	66	sunny
Nottingham	0.6	-	17	63	bright
Colwyn Bay	9.2	-	17	63	sunny
Tenby	7.0	-	21	70	sunny
Aberdeen	7.5	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	7.9	-	23	73	bright
Glasgow	6.5	-	24	75	dull
Kinloss	9.0	-	23	73	sunny
Wick	8.1	-	19	66	sunny
Belfast	7.4	-	17	63	bright

These are Thursday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.31	6.3	2.47	6.4	London Bridge	3.11	6.5	3.22	6.6
Aberdeen	1.49	3.8	2.21	3.7	Aberdeen	2.23	3.9	2.58	3.9
Avonmouth	8.00	11.7	8.14	11.9	Avonmouth	8.40	11.8	8.49	12.0
Belfast	11.52	3.0	—	—	Belfast	12.01	3.3	12.29	2.9
Cardiff	7.45	10.8	7.59	11.0	Cardiff	8.25	10.9	8.34	11.1
Devonport	6.27	4.8	6.44	5.0	Devonport	7.08	4.8	7.21	5.1
Dover	11.55	6.2	—	—	Dover	12.13	6.0	12.30	6.3
Falmouth	5.57	4.6	6.14	4.8	Falmouth	6.38	4.6	6.51	4.9
Glasgow	1.01	4.3	1.53	4.1	Glasgow	1.40	4.5	2.35	4.0
Harwich	12.27	3.6	12.43	3.8	Harwich	1.05	3.6	1.19	3.7
Holyhead	11.14	4.9	11.27	5.2	Holyhead	11.48	5.0	11.59	5.3
Hull	7.05	6.6	7.34	6.4	Hull	7.39	6.7	8.07	6.5
Ilfracombe	6.44	8.0	6.58	8.3	Ilfracombe	7.21	8.1	7.34	8.4
Leith	3.17	4.9	3.44	5.0	Leith	3.53	5.0	4.19	5.0
Liverpool	—	—	12.05	8.4	Liverpool	12.20	8.7	12.40	8.5
Lowestoft	10.11	2.3	11.02	2.1	Lowestoft	10.41	2.4	11.37	2.2
Margate	12.37	4.2	12.44	4.3	Margate	1.17	4.3	1.21	4.4
Milford Haven	7.00	6.1	7.15	6.4	Milford Haven	7.36	6.2	7.50	6.5
Newquay	5.51	6.1	6.05	6.4	Newquay	6.26	6.3	6.40	6.5
Oban	6.45	3.4	6.48	3.6	Oban	7.20	3.5	7.17	3.7
Penzance	5.24	4.8	5.40	5.1	Penzance	6.04	4.8	6.17	5.2
Portland	7.49	1.6	8.06	1.9	Portland	8.29	1.7	8.43	2.0
Portsmouth	—	—	12.25	4.3	Portsmouth	12.29	4.3	1.00	4.3
Shoreham	—	—	12.10	5.6	Shoreham	12.16	5.6	12.48	5.7
Southampton	11.53	4.1	11.53	4.1	Southampton	—	—	12.28	4.2
Swansea	7.05	8.2	7.21	8.5	Swansea	7.45	8.4	7.57	8.6
Tees	4.14	4.9	4.42	4.8	Tees	4.49	5.0	5.17	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	12.25	3.8	12.39	3.8	W'ton-on-Nze	1.03	3.8	1.12	3.9

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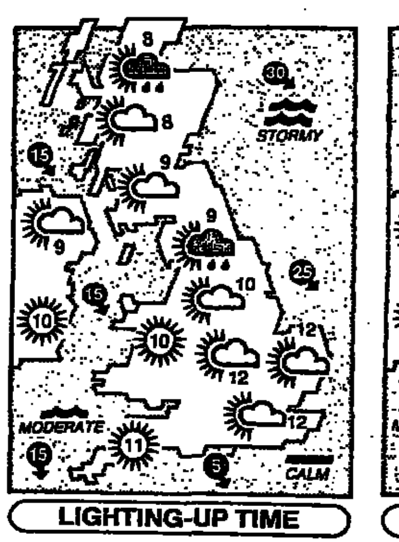

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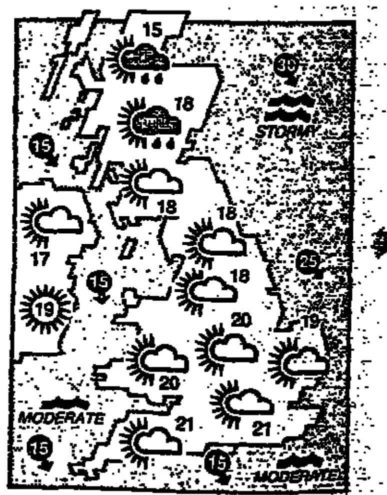


LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 9.30 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.40 pm to 4.54 am
Edinburgh 10.04 pm to 4.35 am
Manchester 9.48 pm to 4.44 am
Penzance 9.46 pm to 5.12 am

TOMORROW
London 9.29 pm to 4.46 am
Bristol 9.38 pm to 4.56 am
Edinburgh 10.03 pm to 4.37 am
Manchester 9.46 pm to 4.45 am
Penzance 9.45 pm to 5.13 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F) Humidity: 6 pm, 83 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.6hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019.3 millibars, falling.

YESTERDAY

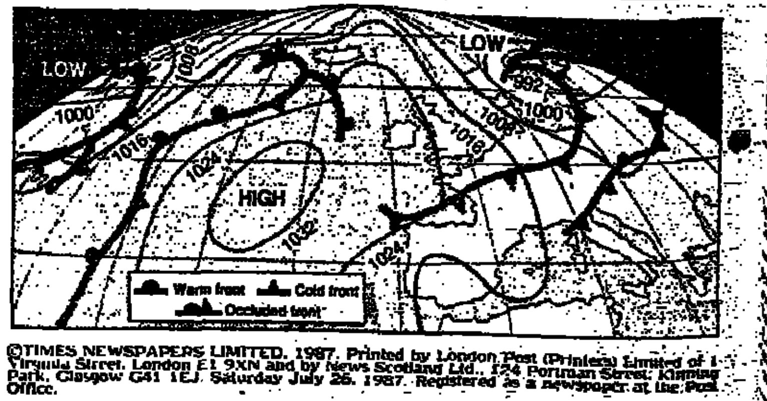
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	15	59	Guernsey	f	17	63
B'ngham	c	16	61	Inverness	c	12	54
Blackpool	c	16	61	Jersey	f	20	68
Bristol	c	18	64	London	c	20	68
Cardiff	c	20	68	M'nchster	d	13	55
Edinburgh	f	15	59	Newcastle	c	13	55
Glasgow	f	18	64	R'nldsway	f	15	59

TODAY
Sun rises: 5.13 am
Sun sets: 9.00 pm
Moon rises: 4.07 am
Moon sets: 9.27 pm
New moon 9.37 pm

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 5.15 am
Sun sets: 8.59 pm
Moon rises: 5.19 am
Moon sets: 9.46 pm
First quarter August 2

NOON TODAY



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SATURDAY JULY 25 1987

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1845.0 (+8.9)

FT-SE 100
2346.9 (+6.7)

Bargains
58915 (49687)

USM (Datastream)
214.36 (+0.57)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6070 (+0.0035)

W German mark
2.9770 (+0.0025)

Trade-weighted
72.7 (same)

Phoenix Properties bid agreed

Phoenix Properties & Finance yesterday made a £40 million agreed takeover bid for Rohan, the Irish property investment group.

Phoenix is offering 20 of its own shares, which were suspended at 223p, for 20 Rohan. This values them at 317p. There is a cash alternative of 270p.

Rohan, which has a 17-acre business park at Langley, Slough, Berkshire, estimates that pretax profits were not less than £1.1 million on turnover of £8 million in the latest six months.

The combined group will be worth between £75 million and £80 million.

Japan rates

Japan's long-term banks are to raise their prime rates from 4.9 to 5.2 per cent on Monday. The increases by the Industrial Bank of Japan, the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan and Nippon Credit Bank follow a rise in bond yields. The Tokyo market yesterday recorded a record rise in share prices. The Nikkei-Dow Jones index rose 906.42 points to 23,942.94.

Gilts auction

The Bank of England is to hold its second experimental auction for gilt-edged securities, involving up to £1 billion of long-dated stock, in September. A third auction, for medium-dated stock, is likely next January.

Laidlaw leaps

Buoyant business in the new car market helped Laidlaw Group, the Edinburgh Ford dealer, to nearly treble interim pretax profits to £1.13 million. The half-way dividend is up from 1.2p to 1.6p.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2477.52 (+5.58)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	23942.94 (+906.42)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3343.60 (−23.22)
Amsterdam: Gen	316.9 (+0.8)
Sydney: AO	1998.0 (+12.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1935.0 (+7.4)
Brussels:	
General	5156.1 (+41.8)
Paris: CAC	414.0 (+9.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen	582.30 (−2.30)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	89.35 (+0.08)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
MS International	119p (+11p)
Hawker Siddeley	586p (+15p)
Unitech	304p (+10p)
Spur Pet.	249p (+15p)
Yorkshire TV	333p (+11p)
Chapman Inds.	380p (+20p)
J Perkins	138p (+47p)
Mountleigh	308p (+15p)
Cresta	211p (+8p)
GKN	389p (+23p)
FALLS:	
Victor Prods.	155p (−35p)
T Cowie	970p (−20p)
Shell	1462p (−12p)
Consolidated Gold	1276p (−22p)
Northern Foods	298p (−16p)
Coloroll	354p (−13p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month Interbank 9¼-9$^{3}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 8$^{29}/_{32}$-8⅞%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¼%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.72-5.70%*
30-year bonds 99$^{1}/_{16}$-99⅛*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6070	£: $1.6035*
£: DM2.9770	$: DM1.8545*
£: SwFr2.4675	$: SwFr1.5370*
£: FFr9.9072	$: FFr6.1710*
£: Yen240.72	$: Yen149.90*
£: Index:72.7	$: Index:103.7
ECU £0.697754	SDR £0.789774

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $453.50 pm-$453.50
close $453.00-453.50 (£281.75-282.25)
New York:
Comex $453.90-454.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) pm $19.35bbl ($19.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Bank increases cover for Third World debts by £1 billion

Lloyds reports £697m loss

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank surprised the financial markets yesterday by announcing a larger than expected bad debt provision of £1 billion, leaving it with a £697 million pretax loss for the first half of this year. The provision is the largest made by a British bank at one time.

The one-off provision related to £4.3 billion of Third World debt, a higher exposure than most City analysts believed Lloyds had on its books. Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman, said that the bad debt cover concerned loans to 28 countries and took the bank's specific provisions to above 30 per cent.

The exceptional provision was taken above the line and was offset directly against profits, according to normal accounting practice, Sir Jeremy said. "We are able to make provisions without shaking our momentum or changing our business strategy," he added.

Sir Jeremy said that Lloyds *was in a weaker position to* launch takeover bids because of the erosion of the bank's capital from provisioning. But bank officials dismissed reports that Lloyds was interested in bidding for Morgan Grenfell and they suggested that it had lost interest in renewing its bid for Standard Chartered Bank which was defeated over a year ago.

He said that the move reflected the deteriorating outlook for world trade and economic growth which had created increasing difficulties for Third World borrowers. The moratorium on repayments by Brazil, where Lloyds has loans worth £1.2 billion, was particularly serious and the bank has so far foregone £35 million in unpaid interest.

The large provision resulted in a loss per share of 64p compared with earnings of 27p at the same time last year. In spite of the loss, Lloyds is increasing its interim dividend payment from 4.17p to 4.60p because of its previously strong capital position.

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The provisioning move, however, means a sharp drop in Lloyds' capital ratios. From *an equity to asset ratio of 5.8* per cent, the highest of the clearing banks, its ratio falls to 4.4 per cent which is lower than the other banks. Sir Jeremy said that the bank had no intention of boosting its capital with a rights issue.

"Our continuing business is going well and will enable us to rebuild our capital ratios through retentions," he added.

He said that without the provision Lloyds would have produced a 6 per cent increase in profits from £214 million last year, after a strong performance from domestic British banking. British retail banking post-tax profits surged by 39 per cent to £164 million as interest and fee income rose.

Profits from deposit accounts were helped by an increase in the amount of money held in non-interest bearing accounts. Domestic lending was up 16 per cent while mortgage lending jumped by 30 per cent over the six month period. Lloyds's consumer finance and insurance also performed well.

Following the bank's withdrawal from gilt-edged and Eurobond market making, Lloyds announced a £32 million pretax loss for its merchant banking arm.

Because the exceptional provision related to overseas loans, international banking operations showed a loss after tax of £701 million compared with a profit of £47 million a year ago.

Making provision: Sir Jeremy Morse (centre) with other Lloyds directors yesterday

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Saving of £1bn on public spending

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Spending by government departments was more than £1 billion below target in the financial year to April 30, according to official figures.

The substantial undershoot, which emerged from Treasury and Central Statistical Office estimates, helps explain the very low figure of only £3.3 billion for the public sector borrowing requirement last year.

The latest estimate for the 1986-87 public spending outturn contained in the July issue of the Central Statistical Office publication, *Financial Statistics*, is for a planning total of £139.6 billion.

This is £800 million below the £140.4 billion target which the Chancellor set in his autumn statement last year.

However, the true undershoot in spending is even greater. The Treasury set a target of £4.75 billion for privatization proceeds in 1986-87.

The amount actually received from asset sales was less than this — £4.4 billion. Privatization proceeds count as negative public expenditure and so the difference, of £350 million, should have been reflected in an addition of this amount to the original spending target of £140.4 billion.

Since spending was £800 million under target in spite of the missed privatization target, the true shortfall in spending by departments was about £1.15 billion.

The undershoot is confirmed by detailed Treasury figures for the results of cash-limited public spending last year. They show that the provisional outturn for voted cash limits was £58,730 million, £904 million below the final cash limits allowed for the year.

Non-voted cash limits, at £7,684 million, were £113 million below the final cash limits allowed for the year, while running cost limits, £13,071 million, undershot by £100 million.

Only the external financing limits of the nationalized industries, at £1,182 million, broke above target

There is no clear evidence yet, on whether a public spending undershoot is likely this year, although the Treasury is keen to meet the £148.6 billion.

On Thursday, the Cabinet agreed that general government spending next year should be the equivalent of 41.75 per cent of gross domestic product. But it was recognized that this could lead to some slippage in the £154.2 billion planning total for 1988-89.

US economy rises by 'sluggish' 2.6%

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US economy grew at an annual rate of 2.6 per cent during the second quarter, in line with market expectations but down sharply from growth of 4.4 per cent in the first quarter.

Economists said the figures reflected a sluggish economy during the April-June quarter despite some bright spots.

Exports, after a period of no growth, are once again increasing in response to the lower dollar but the gains have been partially offset by domestic weaknesses.

Banks, reflecting massive loan-loss provisions, reported record losses during the second quarter. The 14 largest banks, each with assets of more than $30 billion (£18.7 billion), reported an aggregate net loss of $11.5 billion during the second quarter.

The unprecedented losses reflected provisions of $13.9 billion to cover possible losses from Third World loans.

In addition, US regulators yesterday reported the failure of the Bank of Los Gatos in California. It was the 102nd US bank to fail this year.

Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, was optimistic about the latest economic figures, saying they showed the Reagan Administration's forecast of 3.2 per cent growth in 1987 was possible.

He gave warning, however, that protectionist legislation under consideration by Congress could alter significantly the improving trade performance of US companies.

In response to the rate of export growth, Mr Baldrige said the record $167 billion trade deficit could be reduced by between $20 billion and $30 billion in real terms.

A healthy trade performance is essential to the Reagan Administration's hopes for economic growth — pinned, for the first time, to export-drive gains

Commerce Department officials said yesterday the main reason for the slowdown in second-quarter growth was a reduction in the build-up of stocks.

The Department earlier reported that orders for durable goods last month rose by 1.4 per cent but that almost all the growth was caused by bookings for military goods.

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Panel twist in battle for Hogg

By Colin Campbell

The Takeover Panel provided a late and unusual twist in the battle for Hogg Robinson last night. It said it could not give a formal ruling whether the TSB Group or Dewey Warren Holdings would be allowed to make bids for the separate parts of the group assuming Monday's demerger plans are approved.

A ruling was sought after an approach to the panel by Lazard Brothers and by brokers on behalf of institutitons. They wanted to know if the TSB would be free to bid for just the part it really wants.

But the panel's answer, which makes it uncertain if the TSB will be there with a fresh bid on Tuesday, now throws into balance Monday's vote by Hogg Robinson shareholders on whether or not to demerge.

It is a condition of TSB's 600p cash bid that shareholders reject Monday's demerger proposals.

Hogg Robinson's share price has risen well above TSB's 600p cash bid, with yesterday's stock market price closing at 633p.

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Shipbuilders' trading loss rises to £148m

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

British Shipbuilders made a trading loss of £148 million for 1986-87, bringing accumulated losses at the state-owned corporation over the last five years to £465 million.

The results, announced yesterday by the new BS chairman, Mr John Lister, indicate the continuing impact on Britain's merchant shipbuilding industry of the severely depressed world market and the low prices for new ships. BS said that for most classes of ships, prices are at the same level as in 1978.

Mr Lister said that, despite the continuing losses, there were no plans for further reduction in the workforce which now totals 6,500. He has begun a new drive, based on "pro-active marketing" to win a larger number of the scarce orders for ships and is hoping that Govan Shipbuilders on the Clyde will re-enter the market for large cruise liners.

Although a significant rise in world markets is not expected before 1991, BS now has work to keep its yards busy for the next 18 months. It is building 36 vessels, including 24 roll on-roll off ferries ordered by Danish owners, totalling 264,000 compensated gross tonnes and worth £311 million.

Total trading losses for BS last year were nearly £170 million against £143 million the previous year and were reduced to £148 million by a £20.8 million injection from the Government's shipbuilding intervention fund.

Under European Commission rules, community shipbuilders can receive a subsidy of up to 28 per cent of turnover to help to bridge the gap with Far East prices although, Mr Lister said, this remained "a very severe target" for BS.

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The corporation's total loss for 1987, taking into account restructuring costs and provision for lower fixed asset values, was £222.5 million and the group's accumulated net losses now stand at £1.5 billion.

Still hanging over BS is a possible court action over the oil drilling rig Ocean Alliance being built by the privatized Scott Lithgow yard on the Lower Clyde and now 3½ years late in delivery to the customer, Britoil.

Trafalgar House, which bought Scott Lithgow for £12 million in March 1984, has told BS it intends to make "a substantial claim for misrepresentation relating to the state of this contract".

A spokesman for Trafalgar House admitted that the company had still not made a final decision on whether to sue BS and declined any further comment. At the time of the sale, BS allowed Trafalgar House experts full access to the yard and to examine the work that had been done on the rig. Mr Lister says in his report that the corporation considers that "no liability will arise."

For its part, Britoil says it *still* wants the £88 million rig, now due to be delivered in November. The final cost to Scott Lithgow, however, could be as high as £200 million.

Other disputes between BS and Trafalgar House over the Scott Lithgow sale were settled last year, with BS agreeing to pay another £20 million.

How Bob Beckman made millions from preaching doom

Still going up on the downwave

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Bob Beckman, the flamboyant harbinger of doom who broadcasts daily on LBC, London's all-news radio station, is no stranger to controversy. Almost five years ago, his book *The Downwave* prophesied a property crash and advised against buying houses. Then he wrote: "By 1987 there will be no real residential housing market in Britain for the owner occupier. Some houses will be unsaleable at any price".

Now millionaire Mr Beckman, who lives in a — rented — penthouse apartment in the Barbican, in the City of London, is having a little difficulty with the supposedly devoted followers of his particular brand of investment advice.

Over the past nine months they have withdrawn almost £10 million from his Beckman International Capital Accumulator Unit Trust at a time when the rest of the unit trust industry is booming.

Since the beginning of the year BICAT, which takes its advice from Mr Beckman, has been the worst performing of the 119 unit trusts in its sector. It is down by 5.6 per cent over one year.

The administration of the trust is carried out by Bishopsgate Progressive Management. They have served notice to quit on Mr Beckman, who has until December 8 to find a replacement.

Mr Beckman is rewarded for his role as investment adviser to the trust by getting the annual 1½ per cent management charge plus the 2 per cent difference between buying and selling prices.

Over the past nine months of indifferent performance, Mr Beckman's company Investors Bulletin was paid £558,000 inclusive of VAT for advising the trust. For the year from September 1985 to 1986, it was paid £726,000 including VAT.

Mr Beckman maintains that payment to his company is not the same as paying him personally. "There are expenses involved in running a company," he says.

His first reaction when asked about the level of his remuneration was to point out that his true reward for advising BICAT was his salary paid by the company. According to the 1985 accounts of Investors Bulletin this was £60,000.

Bob Beckman: 'I am not crying poor'

However, Mr Beckman subsequently conceded that "consultancy fees" of £143,419 in the Investors Bulletin accounts and a £250,000 pension contribution were also his.

"I am not crying poor," Mr Beckman said.

"You probably won't believe this but it is the absolute truth. I am not managing the trust to make a lot of money. I am doing this as a service to my clients".

Mr Beckman also pointed out that he has another £28 million under management for private clients and said that this accounts for perhaps another £100,000 of fees which he says are paid into Investors Bulletin. "With my unit trust, the unit-holders pay less than the average for the industry".

This refers to the 2 per cent initial charge on his unit trust which is not generally sold through financial intermediaries. The industry norm is 5 per cent.

Mr Beckman does however levy an annual 1½ per cent charge, which is above average for the industry.

On a three year view BICAT is the tenth worst performing of all unit trusts according to the latest published Money Management figures. £1000 invested in BICAT three years ago would now be worth £876.

Mr Beckman has also excited controversy for his pessimistic views on the state of the property market. In *The Downwave*, his book prophesying another great depression he wrote: "By 1987 there will be no real residential housing market in Britain for the owner *occupier. Some houses will be unsaleable* at any price".

"Perhaps I was foolhardy in putting a date on it," Mr Beckman says. "I wrote that four years ago. I am an investement analyst, an economist and academic, I was looking at underlying trends." His general thesis of doom and gloom in the property market is still correct, he says.

"I got the timing wrong. The timing is always imprecise," he said yesterday.

Mr Beckman does however appear to be on the verge of making a lot of money out of property himself. His Barbican flat which he moved into two years ago is up for sale at £920,000. He is a council tenant but is exercising his right to buy the penthouse flat on three floors and then selling it on immediately.

He sees no inconsistency in this. To start with he says that the asking price for the flat includes furniture, works of art and personal belongings worth £250,000. He also says that he is moving out of the Barbican for entirely personal reasons and that any profit he does make is an unintended by-product.

"I am not doing a property deal. I did not engage in a property development scheme," he says.

Mr Beckman whose appearance belies his 53 years, has been a licensed dealer in securities for the past 30 years. He says that he will apply for authorization under new financial services laws. If such authorization is not granted, he will be unable to continue in business when the Financial Services Act comes into force next year.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

BP sells Kleeman offshoots to Pexion

British Petroleum has sold Kleeman Industrial Holdings to Pexion for an undisclosed consideration. The sale involved Kleeman and its four operating subsidiaries: the Beldam Packing & Rubber Company; Henry Crossley (Packings); the Grange Packing & Gasket Company (Bradford); and A Roberts & Co (Heckmondwike). Kleeman and its subsidiaries, previously operated by BP unit BP Minerals International, had sales of £10 million in 1986.

Lloyd's closes sector review

Lloyd's of London, the insurance market, has completed the review of the underwriting agency system ordered by Parliament five years ago. The Lloyd's Act 1982 required all broking firms to divest their managing agency interests to prevent conflicts of interest. There are now 234 Lloyd's-registered underwriting agents.

NatWest job for gilt trader

County NatWest, the securities arm of National Westminster bank, has recruited Mr Paul Lucas, the former head gilt-edged trader at Lloyds Merchant Bank. Lloyds last month closed its gilts dealing operation, affecting about 150 employees. Mr Lucas is joining County NatWest as an associate director.

Guinness stores sold

Matheson & Co, a Jardine Matheson Holdings subsidiary, and the US retailer Southland Corp are to acquire jointly Neighbourhood Stores from Guinness for an undisclosed sum.

Neighbourhood owns and operates the 7-Eleven convenience store licence in Britain, while the Jardine group operates 7-Eleven stores in Asia under licence from Southland. Neighbourhood operates 46 stores, mainly in the Greater London area.

Investment cut in China

Foreign investment in China fell by more than 23 per cent to $1.09 billion (£681 million) in the first half. This is despite measures last October to give preference to joint ventures in China, especially for those that introduced advanced technology or produced export goods. Overseas investment dropped 48 per cent last year.

Eve advances 25% to £2m

Eve Construction, the Wimbledon construction and contracting group, produced a pretax profit of £2.03 million, up 25 per cent, for the year to March 31. Group turnover rose by 20 per cent to £31.7 million. The final dividend of 3.5p makes a total of 5p. The company joined the USM in September last year.

STOCK MARKET

Revolt grows over 'too high' price for Babcock

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

The rumble of discontent among fund managers about FKI Electricals' proposed £415 million takeover of Babcock International, the engineering and power plant group headed by Lord King, is becoming more audible.

The stock market has already shown its disapproval of the proposal by wiping more than £30 million from FKI's share value of £272 million. Shares of FKI firmed 4p to 181p last night compared with Tuesday's opening price of 203p.

Dealers say that fund managers are becoming increasingly disenchanted with the deal and claim that the managers are being asked to pay too much for Babcock, which, even according to Lord King, is not making enough profit.

The terms of the underwritten deal are 17 FKI shares for every 10 shares in Babcock, or 310p in cash for every Babcock share. FKI is also asking its shareholders to finance a £90 million rights issue to help reduce the borrowings of both companies.

Mr Tony Gartland, the chairman of FKI, who owns 17 per cent of the shares, worth about £50 million, has already said he will not be taking up his entitlement. As a result, his stake in the combined company will be reduced to between 5 and 6 percentage points. Babcock, which returned from suspension earlier this week at 285p, firmed another 1p to 309p yesterday.

Dealers are now worried that the value of the bid will continue to fall as the protests from the institutions continue to grow.

The rest of the equity market ended the account on a firm note following a steadier performance on Wall Street and a record overnight rise in Tokyo. Dealers reported a smattering of new-time support for the new account beginning on Monday with investors apparently recovering from the bout of depression they suffered from this week's disappointing banking and trade figures.

The FT index of 30 shares finished 8.9 up at 1,845.0 — a fall on the account of 35.1 — while the broader FT-SE 100 rose by 6.7 to 2,346.9. It has now fallen by 35.1 on the two-week trading period after reaching a record of 2,443.4 on July 16.

But the growing prospect of higher interest rates left Government securities £¼ lower at the longer end in thin trade.

Tesco firmed 6p to 198p after a meeting with fund managers in Edinburgh, arranged by Phillips & Drew, the broker, at which Mr Ian MacLaurin, the chairman, made an unexpected appearance. He appears to have made a favourable impression with his fellow Scots.

Ranks Hovis McDougall also jumped 12p to 349p on hopes that Goodman Fielder, the Australian food group, with 15 per cent of the shares, would make a full bid.

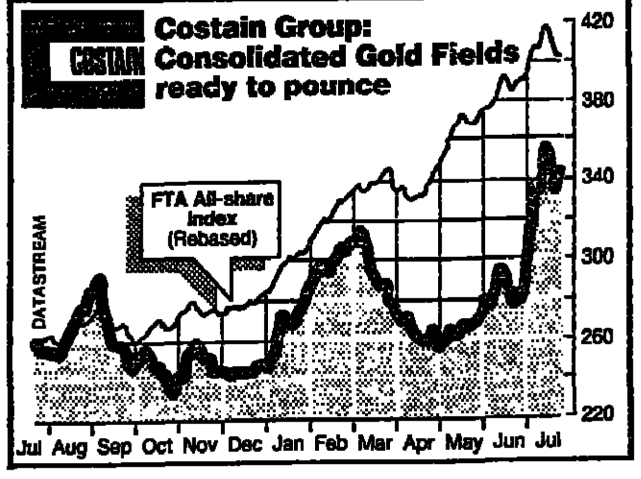
Costain, the construction and mining group, jumped 28p to 362p — within a whisker of its peak — as stories circulated that Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance group, was about to launch a bid.

Costain would make a neat fit with mining now the group's biggest source of income, while ConsGold already has a sizeable interest in the building sector through its ARC subsidiary.

There was renewed support for **Tottenham Hotspur**, the first football club to go public — back in October, 1983. The shares soared by 22p to 255p yesterday on further consideration of the club's property development prospects.

The price stood at 90p in March when Mr Tony Berry, the chairman of Blue Arrow, Britain's biggest recruitment agency, paid £440,000 for a 4.3 per cent stake in the company and got a seat on the board.

The demise of *The London Daily News* after only five months appears to be good news for Associated Newspapers, owner of the rival *London Evening Standard*, adding 7p to the shares at 642p. Mr Luke Johnson, an analyst at Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, said: "It will give the *Standard* an extra 100,00 readers — all on the bottom line. The shares have further to go."



WALL STREET

Dow up 6 points on GNP figure

New York (Agencies) — Shares rose in early trading yesterday with analysts reporting that the gross national product figure was slightly higher than expected and had indirectly drawn Japanese investors into the market. Mr Hugh Johnson of First Albany said that the news had improved foreign confidence in the US economy.

However, US Treasury bonds edged lower as the dollar failed to respond to the report. The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 6.38 points to 2,478.32.

Rising shares were narrowly ahead of falling issues. Japanese shares rose on the rebound in the Tokyo market. Honda was up by 2¼ to 98¾.

On Thursday, the Dow average closed 1.76 points higher at 2,471.94.

● Phillips Petroleum reported a net profit for its second quarter of $3 million, against $8 million a year ago. The figure for last time includes a $54 million, after-tax charge for a special separation programme, which was partially offset by a $10 million gain on asset sales.

	Jul 23	Jul 22		Jul 23	Jul 22		Jul 23	Jul 22
AMR Cp	59⅜	59⅜	Firestone	43¼	44⅝	Pepsico	39	38⅞
ASA	64⅞	65	Fst Chicago	29⅝	29⅝	Pfizer	71⅞	71⅛
Aetna Life	58⅝	58⅝	Fst Int Bncp	58¾	58¾	Phelps Dod	43⅞	43⅞
Allied Signal	43⅝	42⅞	Fst Penn C	9⅝	9⅝	Philip Mor	95⅝	95⅝
Allis Chlm	2¾	2¾	FT Wachva	37	37¼	Philip Ptrl	17⅝	17⅝
Alcoa	57½	57	Ford Motor	103⅜	106⅝	Polaroid	32	30¼
Amax Inc	25¼	24⅞	GAF Cp	53⅝	53⅛	Primerica	41¼	41½
AMR Hess	39	38¾	GTE Cp	37¼	38⅝	Proct Gble	92⅝	92⅝
Am Brands	49	49⅞	Gen Cp	109	108⅝	Pub Svc Eg	37¼	37
Am Cynmd	49⅞	49⅝	Gn Dynam	67½	68¼	Raytheon	77⅞	77½
Am Ele Pwr	27⅜	27	Gen Electric	56⅝	56	Rynlds Metl	50⅜	51⅛
Amexs	34¼	34⅝	Gen Inst	36	36⅝	Rockwell Int	25⅞	26¾
Am Home	86¼	85⅝	Gen Mills	52⅞	53⅝	Royal Dutch	137⅝	138¼
Am Motors	4⅝	4½	Gen Motors	85⅞	84¾	SFE Sopac	53	52⅝
Am Stand	48	48⅞	Gen Pub Ut	25¼	25½	Sara Lee	43	42¾
Am Telph	30⅝	30⅜	Genesco	5⅜	5⅜	Schlumb	46⅝	48⅜
Amoco Cp	83⅝	84¾	Georgia Pac	41¼	41	Scott Pap	74⅝	74⅞
Armco Steel	13⅜	13⅝	Gillette	39⅝	40⅝	Seagram	76⅞	77
Asarco Inc	30⅝	30¼	Goodrich	52⅞	52⅝	Sears Roeb	52	53
Ashland Oil	67⅞	67⅞	Goodyear	68⅝	68½	Shell Trans	94¾	94⅞
Atl Richfld	92¾	94	Gould Inc	20⅝	20⅝	Singer	45	44
Avon Prod	34⅞	35⅝	Grace Co	66¼	65⅝	Smith Beck	63⅝	64
Bk Boston	31⅛	32	Grt Atl Pac	38⅞	38⅞	Sony Cp	26⅜	26¼
Bank NY	41⅝	41¾	Greyhnd	41⅞	42	Sth Cal Edi	30⅝	30⅝
Bankamer	11	11	Grumen	28½	28⅝	SW Bell	35⅞	35
Bkrs Tst NY	47⅝	47⅛	Gulf & West	84½	84½	Squibb	86⅝	87⅝
Beth Steel	17⅝	18⅜	Heinz	47⅝	47⅝	Sterl Drug	64⅝	62⅜
Boeing	47⅝	47½	Hercules	63¾	65½	Stevens JP	47¾	48⅞
Boise Casc	72	72¼	Hewlett Pk	59⅝	59⅝	Sun Comp	65½	66⅝
Borden	56⅝	57⅝	Honeywell	82½	83⅝	TRW Inc	58⅞	57¾
Borg Warnr	45¼	45⅝	IC Ind	37⅞	36⅝	Teledyne	356⅝	360⅝
Brstl Meyr	47⅝	47⅝	ITT Cp	62¼	62	Tenneco	51⅛	51
BP	73	73½	INCO	20⅝	19⅝	Texaco	46⅝	46
Brunswick	24⅜	24¼	Ing Rand Wl	37⅝	37¼	Tex Eastn	37⅞	38
Burl Ind	76⅞	76⅝	Inland Steel	30⅝	31¼	Texas Inst	60⅝	60⅝
Burl Nth	79	78⅞	IBM	160⅝	161⅛	Tex Util	31⅞	31⅞
CBS	182⅝	183¼	Int Paper	45¼	45¾	Textron	35½	36⅝
CMS Engy	15⅝	16	Irving Bk	47½	47⅝	Travelers	44½	44⅞
CPC Int	53⅛	51½	Jhsn & Jhsn	94	94½	USG	35⅝	36
CSX Cp	37¾	37⅞	K Mart	45½	46½	USX Cp	36⅝	36⅝
Cmpbell Sp	63	63⅝	Kaisertech	22	22	Unilever Plc	44⅜	44
Can Pacific	22⅝	22⅝	Kerr McGee	38⅝	38⅞	Un Carbide	27⅝	28⅝
Caterpillar	62¼	62¼	Kimbrly Clrk	53⅝	53½	Un Pac Cp	82⅞	81½
Centrl SW	30⅜	30¼	Kraft	58⅜	60⅛	Unisys Cp	126⅝	126⅞
Champion	34¼	35	Kroger	39	39⅝	Utd Brands	39⅜	39⅞
Chase Man	41⅝	41¾	LTV Cp	4⅜	4⅜	Utd Tech	54⅞	53⅝
Chem NY	40⅝	40⅝	Litton	100⅜	102½	Unocal	41	41⅞
Chevron	59⅝	60⅛	Lockheed	55⅞	56⅝	Walter Jim	58½	57⅞
Chrysler	39⅝	39⅝	Lucky Str	32⅞	32⅝	Warn Lamb	75⅝	76⅞
Citicorp	60⅜	60⅜	Man H'nver	42½	42¾	Wells Far	54⅝	54¼
Clark Eq	27½	27¾	Manville	4½	4¼	Westg El	65¾	64⅞
Coca Cola	47	46½	Mapco	56⅝	57	Weyerhsr	47⅞	48⅝
Colgate	48¼	48¾	Marine Mid	75⅞	75⅞	Whirlpool	34¾	34⅝
Columb Gas	48⅞	48	Mt Marrieta	47⅞	47⅞	Woolworth	56	57⅞
Cmb'tn Eng	40⅝	40⅛	Masco	32⅝	32⅞	Xerox Cp	73⅝	72
Cmwlth Edi	32½	32¼	Mcdonalds	53½	52⅝	Zenith	27¼	28⅝
Cons Edis	42⅝	43⅜	McDonnell	71½	72			
Consol Ng	44¾	45¼	Mead Cp	37⅝	35½			
Cont Data	27⅝	28⅝	Merck	180	180⅝			
Corning Gl	66⅝	66⅝	Mnsta Mng	69⅝	69⅝	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Crane	29⅞	29	Mobil	51¼	52⅞	Agnico Eag	35⅞	35⅝
Curtiss Wrt	65½	65⅝	Monsanto	88⅞	88⅝	Alcan Alum	45¼	44¼
Data Genl	30⅝	29⅝	Morgan Jp	47⅝	47½	Algoma Stl	18⅝	18⅝
Deere Co	31¼	32⅝	Motorola	55½	55⅝	Can Pacific	29⅝	29⅝
Delta Airl	54	53¼	NCR	75⅞	75⅞	Cominco	20	19⅝
Detroit Edi	15⅝	15⅝	NL Indstrs	8⅞	9⅛	Con Bathrst	19	19
Digital Eq	160⅝	157½	Nat Distill	68⅜	69⅝	Hawk S Can	28	28
Disney	70⅝	69⅝	Nat Md Ent	27	27⅞	Hud Bay M	24⅝	24½
Dow Chem	87⅞	87¼	Nat Semi	13	13½	Imasco	36⅝	36⅝
Dressr Ind	31⅜	32¼	Norfolk Sth	33¾	33⅝	Imperial Oil	73⅞	73⅞
Dupont	124¾	123⅝	NW Bancrp	43⅛	42⅝	Int Pipe	54⅞	55
Duke Pwr	44⅝	43⅝	Occid Petl	36⅝	37⅛	Royl Trstco	18	18
East Kodak	87⅝	88⅝	Ogden Cp	34⅞	34⅝	Seagram	101⅛	101⅝
Eaton Cp	96	98⅝	Olin Cp	51⅝	51½	Stelco 'A'	26⅝	26⅝
Emerson El	108⅝	109⅝	PPG Ind	47⅝	48⅝	Thmsn N 'A'	32⅝	33
Emery Air	14⅜	14⅝	Pac Gas El	19⅝	19⅝	Varity Cp	3.25	3.30
Exxon	93	92⅞	Pan Am	5	4⅞	WCT	19	18⅝
Farah Inc	15¼	15¼	Penney JC	56⅝	57⅝	Weston	44⅝	42⅝
Fedders	8⅝	9¼	Pennzoil	74⅝	76⅝			

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range July 24	Market rates close July 24	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6000-1.6080	1.6065-1.6075	0.30-0.27prem	0.91-0.86prem
Montreal	2.1312-2.1510	2.1480-2.1510	0.08prem-0.01dis	0.23-0.11prem
Ams dam	3.3454-3.3575	3.3501-3.3554	1⅛-⅞prem	3⅛-3prem
Brussels	61.57-61.88	61.65-61.77	13-12prem	42-39prem
C'phgen	11.2635-11.3107	11.2805-11.3036	½-1¼dis	2¾-3dis
Dublin	1.1078-1.1125	1.1105-1.1115	par	3-15dis
Frankfurt	2.9703-2.9804	2.9751-2.9794	1⅝-1½prem	4-3¾prem
Lisbon	231.61-233.64	232.55-233.50	84-144dis	316-403dis
Madrid	203.41-204.22	203.80-204.09	152-202dis	390-455dis
Milan	2150.00-2158.34	2152.04-2156.59	1-4dis	5-11dis
Oslo	10.8510-10.8918	10.8622-10.8850	4⅝-4⅞dis	12¼-13¼dis
Paris	9.8880-9.9192	9.9050-9.9192	1¼-¾prem	3⅝-2½prem
St'khlm	10.3384-10.3772	10.3555-10.3732	½prem-par	½prem-par
Tokyo	240.36-241.36	240.66-241.05	1¼-1prem	3¼-3prem
Vienna	20.88-20.95	20.88-20.91	8¼-7¼prem	26¾-24¾prem
Zurich	2.4608-2.4715	2.4660-2.4708	1¼-1prem	3¾-3½prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 72.7 (day's range 72.6-72.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	3.0837-3.0964
Australia dollar	2.2732-2.2760
Bahrain dinar	0.6015-0.6055
Brazil cruzado*	72.8687-73.2653
Cyprus pound	0.7760-0.7860
Finland marka	7.1825-7.2225
Greece drachma	223.25-225.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.5380-12.5449
India rupee	20.81-21.01
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4525-0.4655
Malaysia dollar	4.0898-4.0940
Mexico peso	2210.0-2260.0
New Zealand dollar	2.6780-2.6842
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9800-6.1020
Singapore dollar	3.3951-3.3989
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3057-5.3984
S Africa rand (com)	3.3147-3.3237
U A E dirham	5.8900-5.8950

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4405-1.4435
Singapore	2.1130-2.1140
Malaysia	2.5450-2.5460
Australia	0.7063-0.7070
Canada	1.3355-1.3365
Sweden	6.4500-6.4550
Norway	6.7675-6.7725
Denmark	7.0275-7.0325
West Germany	1.8533-1.8540
Switzerland	1.5360-1.5370
Netherlands	2.0863-2.0873
France	6.1625-6.1675
Japan	150.00-150.10
Italy	1340.5-1342.5
Belgium(Comm)	38.38-38.43
Hong Kong	7.8075-7.8085
Portugal	144.80-145.30
Spain	126.95-127.05
Austria	13.01-13.03

*Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	5,500	English China	495	Rank Org	377
Amstrad	2,900	Fisons	1,200	Rank Hovis	2,800
Argyll	1,200	Gen Accident	520	Redland	504
ASDA-MFI	10,000	GEC	8,400	Reckitt Colman	3
Ass Br Foods	218	GKN	4,000	Reed Int	617
BET	636	Glaxo	499	Reuters	439
BTR	1,400	Globe IT	196	RMC Group	1,200
BAT	3,500	Granada	1,100	RTZ	1,400
Barclays	1,400	Grand Met	1,400	Rolls-Royce	3,000
Bass	479	GUS 'A'	176	Rowntree	724
Beecham	2,200	GRE	154	Royal B of Scot	1,900
Blue Circle	773	Guinness	3,300	Royal Ins	3,200
BOC	1,900	Hammerson 'A'	103	Saatchi	913
Boots	2,900	Hanson	11,000	Sainsbury (J)	1,000
BPB Ind	171	Hawker Siddeley	585	Sears	5,900
BPCC	3,200	Hillsdown	1,500	Sedgwick Gp	3,500
Br Aerospace	2,100	Imp Chem Ind	1,400	Shell	1,900
Br Airways	2,000	Jaguar	1,100	Smith & Nephew	1,000
Brit Comm	1,600	Ladbroke	756	STC	3,700
Br Gas	13,000	Land Securities	2,000	Stan Chart	775
Br Petroleum	10,000	Legal & Gen	1,600	Storehouse	8,000
Br Telecom	3,100	Lloyds	4,200	Sun Alliance	570
Britoil	5,400	Lonrho	3,400	Tarmac	1,400
Bunzl	1,400	Marks & Spencer	1,900	TSB P/P	1,400
Burton	4,500	MEPC	2,000	Tesco	3,700
Cable & Wireless	2,200	Midland	2,200	Thorn EMI	1,800
Cadbury Schwep	2,500	Nat West	1,800	Trafalgar House	237
Coats Viyella	608	Next	2,100	Trusthouse Forte	1,500
Com Union	3,200	P & O Dfrd	153	Unigate	1,400
Cons Goldfields	1,400	Pearson	1,400	Unilever	1,400
Cookson Gp	381	Pilkington Bros	654	Utd Biscuits	1,700
Courtaulds	2,100	Plessey	3,800	Wellcome	3,500
Dee Corp	8,200	Prudential	668	Whitbread 'A'	1,400
Dixons Gp	4,000	Racal Elect	1,000	Woolworth	1,200

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Sep 87	90.50	90.50	90.42	90.47	3860
Dec 87	90.26	90.27	90.20	90.25	601
Mar 88	90.19	90.20	90.12	90.17	368
Jun 88	90.10	90.15	90.07	90.09	75
Sep 88	90.05	90.05	90.03	90.05	11
Dec 88	89.82	89.82	89.82	89.84	10
		Previous day's total open interest 15793			
Three Month Eurodollar					
Sep 87	92.71	92.72	92.63	92.66	5212
Dec 87	92.37	92.39	92.27	92.31	1546
Mar 88	92.09	92.13	92.04	92.05	439
Jun 88	91.87	91.91	91.81	91.82	95
		Previous day's total open interest 28146			
US Treasury Bond					
Sep 87	90-06	90-09	89-16	89-23	8725
Dec 87	NT	—	—	88-23	0
		Previous day's total open interest 5791			
Long Gilt					
Sep 87	121-04	121-13	120-24	121-04	20863
		Previous day's total open interest 31751			
FT-SE 100					
Sep 87	238.80	239.30	237.50	238.30	1534
Dec 87	NT	—	—	242.80	0
		Previous day's total open interest 6887			
Japanese Government Bond					
Sep 87	107.50	107.70	107.30	107.34	2523
Dec 87	NT	—	—	106.30	0
		Previous day's total open interest 1076			

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9
Finance House 9

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9½ Low 7½
Week fixed: 8¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 8 27/32	2 mnth 8 25/32
3 mnth 8 29/32	3 mnth 8 31/32

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 8 13/16-8 11/16	2 mnth 8⅞-8 13/16
3 mnth 8 29/32-8⅞	6 mnth 9⅛-9

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 9 7/16	2 mnth 9⅝
3 mnth 9 17/32	6 mnth 9¾

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 7½ close 8

1 week 8⅞-8¾	6 mnth 9 9/16-9 7/16
1 mnth 8 15/16-8 13/16	9 mnth 9¾-9⅝
3 mnth 9¼-9 3/16	12 mth 9 13/16-9 11/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days 8⅝	7 days 8⅝
1 mnth 8⅞	3 mnth 8 15/16
6 mnth 9	12 mth 9

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth 9 3/16-9 1/16	2 mnth 9 5/16-9 1/16
3 mnth 9 5/16-9 3/16	6 mnth 9 7/16-9 5/16
9 mnth 9 9/16-9 7/16	12 mth 9½-9⅜

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth 8 13/16-8 11/16	3 mnth 9 3/16-9 1/16
6 mnth 9⅜-9¼	12 mth 9⅝-9½

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth 6.45-6.40	3 mnth 6.90-6.85
6 mnth 7.10-7.05	12 mth 7.55-7.50

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call 7-6
7 days 6 11/16-6 9/16	1 mnth 6¾-6⅝
3 mnth 7 1/16-6 15/16	6 mnth 7¼-7⅛
Deutschemark	call 4-3
7 days 3⅝-3½	1 mnth 3 15/16-3 13/16
3 mnth n a	6 mnth 4⅛-4
French Franc	call 8¼-7¾
7 days 7 15/16-7 11/16	1 mnth 7⅝-7½
3 mnth 8-7⅞	6 mnth 8⅜-8¼
Swiss Franc	call 1½-½
7 days 8¼-8	1 mnth 3¾-3⅝
3 mnth 3 15/16-3 13/16	6 mnth 4-3⅞
Yen	call 3¼-2¾
7 days 3⅝-3½	1 mnth 3¾-3⅝
3 mnth 4⅛-4	6 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16

BULLION

Gold $453.00-453.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $453.00-456.00 (£281.25-281.75)
Mapleleaf (per 1 ounce coin): $464.00-469.00 (£288.50-291.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $104.25-107.25 (£66.00-66.75)
Platinum $574.50 (£357.70)
Silver $7.5600-7.6800 (£4.7600-4.7750)

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £1,615m	allotted: £400m
Bids: £97.795%	received: 96%
Last week: £97.81%	received: 92%
Avge rate: £8.8442%	last wk £8.7823%
Next week: £300m	replace £100m

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 20	July 31	October 22	November 2

Call options were taken out on: 24/7/87 Godfrey Davis, Thames Mining, Ossory, Bula Resources, Sheraton, Rotaprint, Persimmon, C Baynes, St Modwen, Owners Abroad, Pavion, Abaco, Highgate & Job, Simon Eng., Mount Charlotte, BBA, Parkdale, Property Trust, Barratt Developments, J Israel, Norfolk Cap., Blacks Leisure, Wellcome, Ferranti, Mountleigh, Combined Lease Finance, Wilson Connolly, Morgan Grenfell.
Put: Mountleigh.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allied Lyons (*461)	390	85	95	—	3	6	—
	420	60	73	83	7	14	15
	460	33	48	60	20	30	35
British Gas (*187)	165	26	35	—	4	9	—
	180	15	26	34	10	16	21
	200	7	15	23	22	28	33
British Airways (*159)	140	25	35	42	4½	9	11
	160	14	25	32	11	18	29
	180	7	15	22	26	27	28
BP (*380)	360	40	57	67	15	21	30
	390	21	43	52	31	37	43
	420	11	31	—	52	59	—
Britoil (*314)	280	51	60	—	8	14	—
	300	36	46	58	14	22	29
	330	22	35	49	29	35	44
Cons Gold (*1279)	1250	135	185	210	60	75	90
	1300	110	170	195	90	100	110
	1350	90	145	175	115	130	145
Courtaulds (*488)	420	82	96	—	3	5	—
	460	50	68	76	8	14	16
	500	26	42	44	28	32	36
	550	10	26	36	66	68	72
Com Union (*366)	330	51	59	—	6	8	—
	360	32	41	51	17	21	28
	390	16	25	33	35	39	42
Cable & Wire (*400)	360	60	67	80	7	15	25
	390	40	50	60	18	27	38
	420	22	33	45	38	47	60
	460	9	18	—	70	77	—
GEC (*243)	220	28	38	47	5½	9	14
	240	16	25	34	16	21	24
	260	9	18	26	30	34	38
Grand Met (*577)	460	123	135	—	1	2	—
	500	83	103	—	3	9	—
	550	50	68	78	18	25	33
	600	25	44	53	40	50	57
ICI (*1494)	1400	130	177	—	27	42	—
	1450	100	145	165	40	60	78
	1500	70	118	138	68	80	98
	1550	47	95	113	95	105	122
Land Securities (*563)	500	78	95	110	8	17	20
	550	48	63	78	25	35	40
	600	25	43	55	53	62	67
Marks & Spen (*256)	240	30	38	41	7½	13	17
	260	20	27	32	16	21	26
	280	9	18	—	32	35	—
Rolls Royce (*116)	110	16	21	26	5	8	10
	120	11	15	20	12	16	18
	130	7	11	—	18	21	—
	140	4	8	—	26	27	—
Shell Trans (*1462)	1400	112	177	—	35	48	—
	1450	90	150	185	57	72	78
	1500	70	127	157	93	100	105
Trafalgar House (*420)	390	43	52	63	10	17	20
	420	23	38	48	25	33	37
	460	10	20	33	52	60	65
TSB (*92)	80	16½	19½	—	2	2½	—
	90	10	13½	17½	4½	5½	6½
	100	5½	9	12	11	12	13
Woolworth (*400)	400	32	48	—	18	30	—
	425	18	33	—	40	47	—
	450	9	17	—	60	67	—
	500	3	12	—	110	112	—
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Bass (*1006)	950	95	115	135	13	30	38
	1000	53	83	110	32	53	65
	1050	33	67	98	65	88	95
GKN (*389)	330	68	75	81	5	9	11
	360	44	56	60	13	18	21
	390	26	39	45	25	30	33
	420	14	25	32	43	48	48
Jaguar (*590)	500	105	118	135	5	14	20
	550	65	83	103	15	28	35
	600	33	53	70	37	43	50
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*178)	160	25	36	42	5	9	12
	180	14	25	29	12	17	23
	200	8	16	22	27	30	34
Beecham (*565)	460	115	125	—	2	5	—
	500	77	92	105	4	12	15
	550	38	57	73	16	25	33
	600	14	30	48	40	52	55
Boots (*313)	280	40	48	59	6	9	13
	300	25	35	43	11	15	18
	330	11	24	30	26	29	33
BTR (*336)	300	43	50	60	2	8	11
	330	21	31	40	11	19	22
	360	8	18	27	30	35	38
Blue Circle (*507)	475	47	68	—	10	23	—
	500	33	53	67	23	35	43
	550	13	30	42	53	60	67
De Beers (*1475)	1100	370	400	—	—	80	—
	1200	270	310	—	70	100	—
	1300	180	240	—	125	140	—
	1400	120	180	—	—	—	—
Dixons (*376)	351	32	—	—	5	—	—

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Dixons cont	360	—	42	48	—	18	26
	381	18	—	—	20	—	—
Glaxo (*1757)	1650	165	210	260	30	58	73
	1700	130	180	230	45	77	92
	1750	100	150	200	67	97	112
	1800	75	125	175	92	125	135
Hanson (*184)	160	—	32½	33½	—	3	4½
	165	22	—	—	2	—	—
	180	11½	18	21	5½	8½	11
	200	4	9	12½	17½	19	21½
Sears (*174)	140	36½	40½	43½	1	3	3½
	160	19	24	29	2½	5½	7½
	180	6½	13½	17½	9½	13	15
Tesco (*199)	183	23	31	39	5	10	18
	200	12	19	28	10½	14	18
	220	4	10	20	26	30	33
Thorn EMI (*759)	650	122	149	—	3	5	—
	700	80	100	120	7	13	23
	750	50	74	95	25	40	50
	800	25	37	65	50	62	74
THF (*270)	240	34	42	46	3	4	7
	260	20	30	35	8	11	14
	280	10	19	23	18	21	24
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Brit Aero (*522)	500	35	55	72	9	22	30
	550	11	32	50	37	52	55
	600	4	17	32	80	88	93
BAT Inds (*641)	550	95	108	127	1	5	9
	600	47	70	92	4	17	23
	650	22	43	65	27	40	45
	700	5	22	43	62	72	78
Brit Telecom (*289)	260	30	34	—	1½	5	—
	280	13	23	34	7	14	18
	300	4½	15	23	22	26	29
Cadbury Schwpps (*275)	240	37	45	53	1	3	8
	260	20	31	40	4	8	12
	280	8	21	28	14	18	23
Guinness (*371)	330	42	58	65	3	10	13
	360	20	35	43	10	20	25
	390	7	23	28	38	35	42
Ladbroke (*447)	403	50	62	—	2	9	—
	443	20	38	—	13	23	—
	460	11	30	40	25	35	37
LASMO (*394)	330	67	79	89	2	6	10
	360	42	57	68	7	14	20
	390	20	42	51	15	24	32
Plessey (*207)	200	16	24	29	6	11	12
	220	7	13	20	19	23	26
	240	1½	7	15	35	40	44
P & O (*742)	688	63	78	100	5	15	23
	750	22	43	65	25	38	45
	800	7	25	43	65	70	75
Prudential (*1033)	1000	60	85	117	15	37	47
	1050	30	62	92	37	60	70
Racal (*283)	260	28	40	48	2	9	12
	280	16	29	38	12	17	20
	300	8	19	31	24	28	32
RTZ (*1269)	1150	140	180	220	9	27	40
	1200	103	150	195	23	48	70
	1250	74	135	170	37	70	90
	1300	43	115	145	65	93	115
Vaal Reef (*144)	130	16½	21	27½	4	9	15
	140	8½	16	23	7½	13	19½
	150	4½	11	19	12	16	22½
	Series	Aug	Dec	Mar	Aug	Dec	Mar
Barclays (*640)	550	97	107	122	4	10	17
	600	50	70	90	8	20	30
	650	14	40	62	27	42	47
Midland Bank (*625)	600	37	62	77	10	15	30
	650	7	37	52	37	40	47
	700	3	13	—	85	87	—
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Lonrho (*284)	218	72	—	—	1	—	—
	236	55	60	—	1	2	—
	255	41	45	—	2	5	—
	273	25	33	—	7	12	—
	300	9	19	26	21	25	30
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£107)	106	1⅝	1 5/16	1⅝	½	1 1/16	1⅜
	108	5/16	⅝	¾	1⅝	2⅜	2½
	110	1/16	3/16	11/32	3½	3⅝	4⅜
	112	1/16	3/32	6/32	5⅜	5½	5 15/16
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£119)	118	2	3⅜	4¼	⅞	2½	3⅝
	120	1	2 7/16	3 3/16	1⅝	3⅜	4 7/16
	122	⅜	1 27/32	2 1/16	3 9/16	4⅜	5 9/16
	124	5/32	1⅛	1 9/16	5⅝	6 9/16	6⅝
	126	1/16	11/16	1 9/16	7	7⅝	8 7/16

	Series	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
FT-SE Index (*2353)	2100	265	275	—	—	½	3	—	—
	2150	215	225	243	—	½	5	10	—
	2200	165	182	188	—	1	7	17	—
	2250	115	140	160	183	2	17	25	37
	2300	68	103	125	150	5	28	40	52
	2350	32	70	93	118	20	48	60	72
	2400	7	45	68	93	53	72	85	97
	2450	2	27	50	70	102	105	115	126

July 24, 1987. Total contracts 29576. Calls 22209. Puts 7367.
FT-SE Index. Calls 950. Puts 1660

*Underlying security price.

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EQUITIES

Britannia Gp	176 +2
Babygro	156
Caradon (250p)	367 +18
Colourvision	173 -3
Cook (DC) (92p)	160
Cresta Hldgs	220 +17
Crosby (James) (82p)	98 +1
Doeflex (135p)	208
Elga Group (95p)	158 -2
Econ Forestry	118
Glamar Gp	249
Graham Motor Gp (140p)	180 +1
Harland Simon	203 -2
Hey & Croft (63p)	176
ITL Info (105p)	121 -2
Knobs&Knockers	157 +7
Lancaster (165p)	228
Learmonth Burchett (175p)	208
March Group	141
Monarch Pet (295p)	310 +5
Parkway	271 -2
Perpetual (180p)	195
Pickwick	226 -7
River & Mercantile	233
Rolls-Royce (85p)	116 +1
Ross Consumer (165p)	220 -5
SEP Indl	46 +1
Shelton (Martin) (150p)	82 -1
Stanco Exhib	53 -1
USDC Inv	171 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Copson N/P	155
ERA N/P	71
Egerton Tst N/P	306 -2
Ent Prods N/P	40 -1
Euro Home N/p	80 -1
Frogmore N/P	20 +5
Hughes N/P	27 -1
Joseph (Leopold) N/P	58
Laidlaw N/P	46 +3
Magnet & Sthn N/P	10½ -½

(Issue price in brackets).

Results for the first half of 1987

(unaudited)	6 months ended 30 June 1987 £million	6 months ended 30 June 1986 £ million	12 months ended 31 December 1986 £ million
Profit Before Tax and Exceptional Item	369	335	700
Exceptional Provisions for Country Risk	(1,066)	–	–
(Loss) Profit Before Tax	(697)	335	700
Tax Credit (Charge)	181	(121)	(230)
(Loss) Profit After Tax	(516)	214	470
(Loss) Earnings Per Share*	(64p)	27p	58p
Dividends Per Share*	4.60p	4.17p	12.00p

*1986 figures have been adjusted for the capitalisation issue in 1987. Note: Financial information for the 12 months ended 31 December 1986 is based on the full accounts for 1986, on which the auditors gave an unqualified report and which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

"In the first half of 1987 our core banking businesses showed continued growth, with good operational results in the UK and elsewhere.

However, current profits were more than outweighed by the need to increase to £1,293 million our total specific provisions for bad and doubtful debts on our exposure to countries experiencing payment difficulties. This increase in provisions, which reflects the deterioration in the outlook for world trade and growth, results in an exceptional charge of £1,066 million, and produces a post-tax loss of £516 million for the half-year.

Over recent years we have strengthened our capital resources, profitability and dividend cover. Without the special provisions, our post-tax profit would have been 6 per cent higher and the dividend would have been amply covered. It is against this background that we have decided to increase the interim dividend by 10 per cent.

We expect to see good earnings from our core businesses in the second half of 1987 and in the years ahead, and this will strengthen our capital ratios again."

Sir Jeremy Morse, Chairman.

Further details of Lloyds Bank's results for the first half of 1987 may be obtained from: Corporate Communications Division, Hays Lane House, 1 Hays Lane, London SE1 2HN.

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Capital & Counties makes £182 million rights issue

By Cliff Feltham

Capital & Counties, the property group, is raising £182 million from shareholders to help pay for the development of three large shopping centres around London.

The move will also dilute the holding of the South African-controlled TransAtlantic Insurance group whose stake will be cut from 93 per cent to 67 per cent.

Capital & Counties is sweetening the cash call with a forecast that profits for the current year will be not less than £14 million, an increase of 16 per cent.

Capital & Counties is preparing to start work on three massive shopping centre schemes fringing the M25 – 700,000 sq ft at Watford, Hertfordshire; 400,000 sq ft at Bromley, Kent; and 1,500,000 sq ft at Thurrock, Essex, for which it is awaiting planning approval.

The projects will cost more than £300 million over the next three to four years. Other developments in hand or in prospect will need a further £75 million.

TransAtlantic – which is ultimately controlled by Mr Donald Gordon's Liberty Life group of South Africa – is allowing its stake to be reduced, which will also help to widen the shareholder base and increase the marketability of the shares.

At the same time, Capital & Counties reported interim pretax profits of £6.56 million, up 8.1 per cent. A first-time contribution from the full ownership of Westamerica Properties shows further growth in income. There is an interim dividend of 3.5p, up from 3p last time. Total dividends for the full year are forecast at 8p a share, up 14.3 per cent.

Helped by a rising property market, the company now estimates net assets of 358p a share, up from 322p last December. In the stock market the shares were 5p lower at 415p.

The rights issue will raise £182 million by offering a mixture of ordinary and convertible preference shares.

The terms are a unit of one new ordinary share and four preference shares valued at £8.10p for holders of four existing ordinary shares.

Motorway store to go ahead

By Our City Staff

Marks and Spencer's £20 million plan for an out-of-town, regional shopping centre on a greenfield site near Lisburn, 10 miles out of Belfast and beside Ulster's M1 motorway, was given outline planning permission by the Northern Ireland Department of the Environment yesterday.

The 10-acre project, on greenbelt land, will create about 700 casual and fulltime jobs although local traders have opposed it. A planning inquiry last March, however, recommended approval.

The centre will specialize in bulky "roof rack" items such as furniture, appliances, do-it-yourself materials and carpets. It will include a garden centre, parking space for 1,700 cars, a restaurant, coach park and bus lay-by.

The Ulster project is M&S's third away from the company's traditional high street locations. A similar "roof rack" shopping centre is under construction at Cheshunt in Hertfordshire.

Volcker budget warning

From Bailey Morris
Washington

Mr Paul Volcker, the outgoing chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, has repeated his warning that the large US budget deficit remains a serious blight on the world economy.

The warning came as Congressional officials disclosed that their efforts to achieve a bipartisan agreement on a budget reduction had collapsed.

The breakdown of talks on a revived version of mandatory spending cuts dashed hopes for substantial progress this year in reducing the record US deficit. Congressional officials said that although there would be another duel over tax increases and spending cuts, they did not expect a final agreement to emerge.

Mr Volcker also said that growing protectionism was "the clearest, most pressing danger" to economic stability. It was in this context that he denounced the Trade Bill passed this week by the Senate as legislation "which has gone too far."

President Reagan has already stated his intention to veto any programme which includes a modest tax increase of $19 billion (£11.87 billion) to reduce the deficit. Congressional leaders had hoped to force Mr Reagan to accept some form of revenue increase by devising a new programme of mandatory spending cuts that would have threatened his military spending.

Paul Volcker: prefers spending cuts to revenue increases

In the waning days of Mr Reagan's presidency, officials expect the politics of confrontation to prevail in dealings between the White House and Congress. Mr Reagan has indicated over the past week, that he would veto major pieces of legislation now before Congress.

Over the past two years, he has stated that deficit reduction must be a top priority. Even though he said he preferred spending cuts, Mr Volcker said he supported revenue inceases if they were the only feasible way of achieving reductions.

M&G action holds up Brierley

By Michael Tate

The odds against Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn's £95 million takeover bid for Molins succeeding lengthened yesterday as the Molins share price remained stubbornly above the bid valuation.

The market price, at 303p, is 10p above the value of the TKM share swap terms and 3p higher than the cash option.

Once again, the outcome of a contested takeover bid seems to have been influenced by M&G Investment Management. M&G snapped up 375,000 Molins shares on Thursday at 303p, lifting its holding to 15.92 per cent, and declared its desire to keep Molins independent.

M&G has a tradition of backing incumbent managements, on the theory that the more companies there are, the more choice the investor has. A spokesman said: "We happen to think that TKM's bid is not over-generous, but that is a secondary issue.

"We think existing managements should be given the opportunity to reap the rewards of their efforts."

TKM, which is owned by Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand magnate, lifted its offer for Molins earlier this week, saying it was final. The company has said it would provide the means for the group's expansion into related fields.

The Brierley camp already owns 26.85 per cent and has indicated that it will continue buying up to 300p.

M&G, however, appears determined to keep the share price out of reach. Mr Reg Heath, TKM chief executive, will spend the next fortnight attempting to persuade shareholders of the advantages of his bid, but he will have his work cut out while disgruntled investors can more than match his offer in the market.

Offer for sale well received

The offer for sale of shares in Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks attracted 27,260 applications for 113.42 million ordinary shares, with a total value of more than £192 million.

The basis of allocation for public applications is: 200 to 1,750 shares, a weighted ballot for 200 shares; 2,000 to 3,750, 200 shares; 4,000 to 5,500, 300 shares; 6,000 to 945,000, about 5.1 per cent of the shares applied for; 950,000 and above, 50,000 shares.

COMMENT

Lucky Lloyds takes its losses on the chin

Both Lloyds Bank and the stock market must be thanking their lucky stars for Robert Holmes à Court and the white squires who blocked Lloyds' bid for Standard Chartered Bank. Investors were mildly surprised at the size of Lloyds' reported Third World exposure, but the possibility that it might by now have had Standard's £3 billion exposure as well hardly bears thinking about. The Standard bid was a bid well lost.

Even so, Lloyds' brave provisioning move takes it to the bottom of the class in capital ratios. It also puts a damper on any bid prospects Lloyds may have been harbouring – if there were any. The suggestion that it was seriously interested in buying Morgan Grenfell had an air of unreality about it from the start and Standard no longer looks like a sensible proposition.

Significantly, Lloyds had the guts to take the £1 billion hit above the line, making Midland's accounting procedures look even more wayward and feeble. One big difference between Lloyds and Midland, however, is the former's profitability. Assuming a steady rate of earnings and no more big provisioning exercises, Lloyds should be able to rebuild its ratios to their previous levels in a couple of years simply through retentions.

That is why the stock market, which rightly has great confidence in Sir Jeremy Morse's management team, reacted calmly and the shares closed virtually unchanged at 410p. In the meantime, though, the bank is in a somewhat weak position and its determination to avoid rights issues and asset sales could easily bend if there are further pressures on Third World debt.

What precisely those pressures might be is impossible to say. It is conceivable that, by this time next year, 25 per cent to 30 per cent specific provisions against Third World debt will no longer be considered sufficient. It is also possible that the debt position will deteriorate further – much hangs on finding a solution to Brazil's repayment moratorium.

What is clear, though, is that at least three of the clearing banks are coming through the present round of blood-letting without irreparable damage. National Westminster has already revealed its £466 million provisioning and *its equity-to-asset ratio will come top of* the league. Barclays will announce its provisions next week – the last of the big four to do so – and they are likely to be similar to NatWest's.

There is no doubt that all the banks could do with more capital but as long as earnings, particularly from domestic operations, continue to flow through strongly, the Bank of England is not going to panic. A question-mark must still hang over Midland, though, because even after its rights issue and disposals, its ratios are only slightly better than Lloyds while its underlying business does not look nearly as healthy.

Lister relaunches the hulk

John Lister, the veteran streetfighter of ICI Fibres' recovery, was simply told to cut costs to the taxpayer and prepare for privatization when he took the helm at British Shipbuilders shortly before the election. It was some brief. The depth of long-running problems at BS was merely underlined by yesterday's accounts. There were bigger losses from an even lower turnover (down 60 per cent to £106 million) and the smallest-ever workforce.

The first move towards privatization was writing off the entire working assets of the corporation. But this is really no more than a dramatic acceptance that there is little chance of those assets earning a return for the foreseeable future. *Orders, though improved, will* not fill the few remaining yards, mainly in Sunderland and the Clyde. And it is a moot point whether the taxpayer is better off making losses on orders, both through BS and direct government subsidies, or through keeping men and overheads idle (at an estimated cost of £39 million last time).

The sad state of BS reflects past weakness applied to 25 per cent remaining overcapacity in world shipping, the consequent dearth of orders and similar excess capacity in the world shipbuilding industry.

In the meantime, losses remain unacceptably high. To some extent, government policy has come home to roost. The assumption that selling the warship yards and drastically slimming the remaining merchant capacity would reduce the problem to manageable proportions was false.

Full closure, apparently still rejected by the Government, is no longer an impossible option, for BS is not now synonymous with the British merchant shipbuilding industry. Several of the privatized warship yards were basically all-purpose units that moved into naval work because that was the best market. The separate Harland & Wolff has large capacity.

BS is now acting as a small force and moving determinedly into specialized business with new designs for refrigerated carriers, research vessels and a move into cruise ships and ferries. But the precedent of the move into naval building is a warning. That market is now oversupplied. Other Europeans and the yen-hit Japanese are rushing into the buoyant specialized market sectors. It is still not clear that BS is ahead of the market rather than just following. So Mr Lister is likely to need lots more taxpayers' money as well as luck.

DTI call to lower unit trust limit

By Peter Gartland, Family Money Editor

The Department of Trade yesterday unveiled the first tranche of its long-awaited draft regulations on the future of the unit trust industry.

The DTI document proposes that unit trust managers should be able to use financial futures to hedge their funds against currency fluctuations. At present, only the cumbersome method of back-to-back loans is permitted for currency-hedging.

For the first time also, unit *trust managers will be allowed* to borrow up to 10 per cent of the fund for up to one month. Borrowing will only be permitted to cover cash due to the fund but not yet received.

More controversially, the draft regulations effectively propose a lowering of the minimum number of shareholdings that a unit trust must have. At present the minimum is 20 holdings, based on the principle that not more than 5 per cent of the fund can be invested in any one company.

In future the 5 per cent minimum can be raised to 10 per cent for up to four investments, to provide an effective minimum of 16 holdings.

Mr Bill Stuttaford, chairman of the Unit Trust Association, said yesterday that in his personal view 16 was far too few. Sixteen is thought to be a compromise figure as part of EEC harmonization

The way is also now open for the creation of unit trusts which concentrate on shares traded on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Comments on the DTI's draft regulations should be sent to Mr J G Burgoyne, Financial Services Division, Department of Trade and Industry, 10-18 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0NN.

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Bank ex-chief to face 75 charges

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The former vice-president of the Ka Wah Bank will appear in court on September 2 to face 75 charges involving HK$650 million (£50 million).

Mr Low Chang-hian, aged 43, is on bail of HK$11 million. The charges include 50 of false accounting, 17 of conspiracy to defraud, six of theft, one of asking for a commission and one of "soliciting an advantage."

The offences are alleged to have led to the collapse of the bank in December 1985, when the Hong Kong government discovered problem loans of almost HK$4 billion, mainly to companies in Singapore and Malaysia. The China-backed China International Trust and Investment Corporation rescued the bank, which last month declared a profit of HK$1.9 million for 1986, against a HK$541 million loss the previous time.

The former chairman of the bank, Mr Low's brother, Chung-song, is on bail of HK$10 million and will also appear in court on September 2 to face 38 fraud and false accounting charges, involving more than HK$500 million.

Abbey Panels slips

Interim trading profits at Abbey Panels Investments dropped from £641,000 to £595,000 because of trading volatility and tight margins in its aerospace activities. Sales at Abbey, a precision engineer and fabricator to the motor, aerospace and defence industries, edged up to £6.58 million in the six months to March 31 from £6.54 million and the half-way dividend is unchanged at 1.2p.

TEMPUS

Awful truth about Hogg split

Monday is *high* noon at the Hogg Robinson Group. Unless a counter-bidder appears over the horizon with a 600p-plus offer for Hogg, its shareholders could see their group split in half by Monday afternoon leaving them with two pieces of paper in their *hands*.

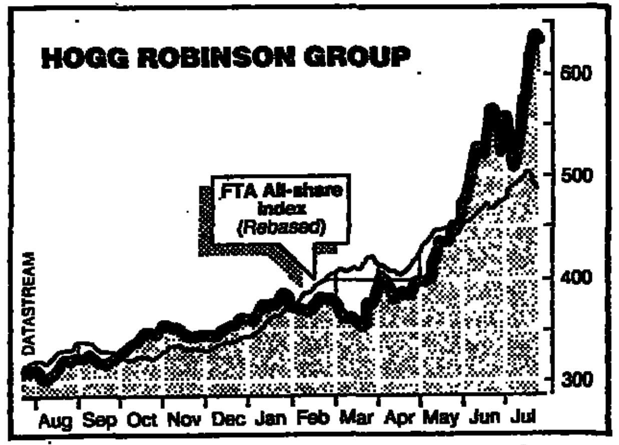
One will represent the travel, transport, financial services and property division; the other the insurance broking interests.

But will the two pieces still add up to Friday's 636p? A cold analysis of the two halves giving the travel arm a *prospective* p/e ratio of 17 and the broking side a p/e ratio of 16 suggests prices of 245p and 230p, respectively.

The waters were muddied yesterday when the Takeover Panel said it could give no ruling about whether a "travel only bid" would be allowed. The fear that the TSB 600p cash bid could thus fall away may swing the vote against the demerger plans, so allowing the 600p bid to stand.

However, if the demerger is approved and there is price weakness, that may not last that long, because bid developments are far from dead. If the TSB Group wanted Hogg Robinson's travel and estate agency side and had already drawn up an agreement to sell the insurance arm for £116 million cash, then in time others will show their hand, too. There were British and US buyers in the market on Friday.

Whatever the optimism about growth, it cannot be denied that Hogg Robinson at well above 600p reflects bid hopes rather than fundamentals.



The twist could well be that the TSB – depending on the Panel's attitude – comes back for the "clean" travel arm, even though this could mean having to pay more than originally planned.

Proxies already sent can now only be withdrawn by an actual appearance at the London meeting on Monday, so have your running shoes ready. The nervous should sell in the market.

In the meantime, if there is a mystery counter-bidder at 600p plus in the wings – would he please stand up?

Equities

The stock market is clearly in an unsettled mood after last week's grim trade figures and loosening of the reins on public spending.

Those trade figures may be a fluke after all and, despite the shift away from a firm spending figure, the Chancellor may nevertheless keep a *firm hand* on the tiller. But for the moment, no-one is willing to bet on it.

The next significant market event will occur after the school holidays when analysts seriously begin to tackle the task of firming up their tentative forecasts of 1988 corporate profits in aggregate and at sectoral and individual company levels.

The results of this exercise will be a key determinant of investors' attitudes to equities this autumn and one *thing is clear; the rapid rate of* profits and company earnings growth seen over the past few years is due for a slowdown.

As the going becomes tougher, fund managers may begin to concentrate their attentions on British companies which have a strong positon in world markets and are well able to fight back at competition from whatever source. BAT, Cadbury, Unilever, Rolls Royce, Pilkington and De la Rue are all companies which have that extra value which may be due for more specific recognition in the months ahead.

Dee Corp

So far as the City is concerned, Dee Corporation's chairman, Mr Alec Monk, has been sulking in a corner since it delivered its thumbs down verdict on the purchase of Fine Fare for nearly £700 million and the flood of Dee shares which emerged in its wake.

If not actually abrasive, Mr Monk is certainly determined; you do not build Britain's third largest food retailing chain in a few years from a standing start by being a delicate flower. So he has perhaps been less patient than he might have been with inquirers from Fleet Street and the City during the long period of underperformance by Dee shares since the middle of last year.

With the publication this week of profits for the year to last April, Dee attempted to make amends and explain how and why it feels it had been misunderstood and unloved.

Mr Monk and his colleagues have attempted to clarify issues such as Dee's attitude to vendor placings, the use of substantial share issues, accounting policies and other areas for which it has been verbally abused by the investing community. The effort to bridge the understanding gap should help establish a better relationship with leading City institutions and allow them *to concentrate more on fundamentals* and less on past grievances, real or imagined.

The process should be excellent for Dee shares, for they are cheap on almost any scale of value. The results, which disappointed analysts, showed splendid sales growth of 6.7 per cent at the Gateway stores chain and a great deal of effort is going in to the task of welding Fine Fare, Gateway and Carrefour into a single unified chain.

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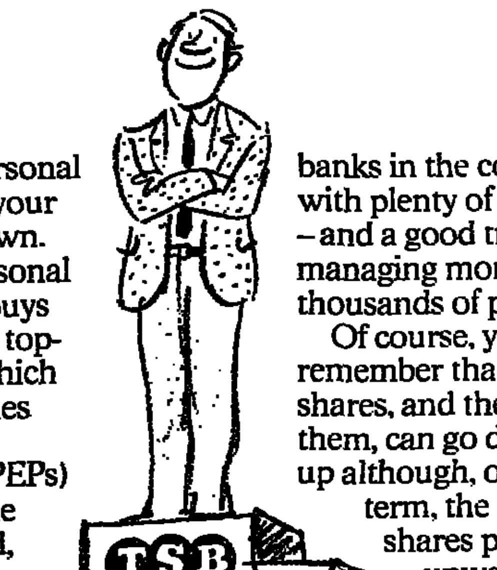

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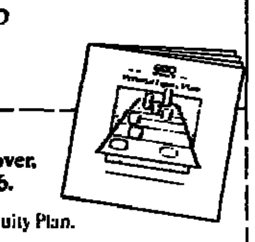

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Income & Gth	384.6	398.2●	10.9	3.24
Intl Earnings	237.0	251.1	-7.2	1.67
Intl Growth Inc	109.1	116.2	+0.8	0.42
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Small Co's Gth	405.2	429.2	-8.2	0.75
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UK Special Sits	338.0	358.3	-10.9	2.23
Growth & Income	184.8	195.9	-5.7	2.49
Capital Trust	314.7	333.6	-10.0	1.99
Balanced	508.4	538.8●	-15.3	2.38
Accum Trust	770.4	816.6	-24.1	2.35
American Income	31.4	33.4c	-1.1	3.82
High Income Tst	355.9	377.3	-9.5	3.35
Equity Income	205.7	218.0●	-4.7	3.44
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Govt Secs Trust	29.6	30.7	-0.5	7.85
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 20, Chiswell Street, London EC1 01-374 6801				

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 6 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	524.3	557.8	-14.9	1.49
Income	418.5	445.3	-7.0	3.59
North American	315.6	335.8	+0.1	1.38
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	541.15			3.57
Fixed Int	149.25	c		9.58
Deposit	100.0			8.80
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	506.77	●		3.97
Accum	£15.6186			
Deposit	100.0			8.70
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS 72/73, Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	85.9	90.9●		0.50
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	25.8	27.4	-0.7	0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	30.9	32.8	-0.1	0.00
Equity High Income	68.9	73.0●	-2.3	3.00
European Growth	29.9	31.7	+0.1	0.40
General Equity	63.9	67.7e	-1.8	1.80
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	31.6	33.3c	-0.9	4.10
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.0	26.4●	-0.8	8.20
Intl Inc Tst	27.2	28.8c	+0.1	4.30
Japan Growth	40.6	43.0●	+0.7	0.00
Pedigree Gth	38.3	40.6	-0.1	1.50
Special Sits Tst	45.9	48.6	-1.4	1.10
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	70.0	74.5●	-2.5	1.92
Do Accum	70.3	74.8●	-2.5	1.94
Income Inc	68.6	73.0●	-2.8	2.84
Do Accum	68.9	73.3●	-2.8	2.85
Worldwide Inc	59.2	63.4●	-0.8	1.14
Do Accum	59.3	63.5●	-0.8	1.14
Gamma Fund Inc	47.4	50.5		0.97
Do Accum	47.4	50.5		0.97
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

50¼	18	American Express	21¼		-⅛			
198	90	Argyle	163	168		2.7	1.6	49.7
84	29	Beusland	72	74	-2	0.1	0.1	
212	149	Britannia Arrow	211	212	+1½	8.9	3.3	18.6
44	16	Daily Mail	39	41	-1	89.0	2.2	24.1
42	23	Do A	34	36	-3	89.0	2.5	21.1
43	14	eagle Trust	38½	40	+½			
250	159	Electra	240	243	+2	4.0	1.7	45.5
179	91	Eng Trust	177	180		4.1	2.3	19.6
225	88	Exploration	220	230		3.4	1.5	24.4
10¾	780	Framlington	10⅝	11		15.1	1.4	28.3
238	128	Frost Gp	235	240		7.2	3.0	23.0
323	183	GT Management	310	315		6.9	2.2	16.3
270	173	Goode Durrant	251	256	-2	3.4	1.3	36.0
16½	953	Henderson Admin	16	16¼	●	34.3	2.1	20.1
251	189	ICH	225	230	+1	12.3	5.4	10.1
685	427	MAI	653	657	+2	26.7	4.1	13.9
518	308	MAM	515	520		6.9	1.3	18.9
376	265	M & G	372	375	●	9.6	2.6	27.5
537	297	Mercantile House	528	534	+19	19.2	3.6	10.1
266	148	Smith New Court	252	257	●-7	11.9	4.3	12.6

COMMODITIES

After a week when Brent lost a full $1.00 as tension in the Petroleum Gulf eased. Concentrated buying of physicals over an extented period may now push refiners to the sidelines, leaving room on the downside for paper. Products found lower levels driven down by screen indications with some short covering and position squaring.

ICIS-LOR Group
Crude oils/assessed
USD/BBL FOB

Brent Phys:	19.50	-55
15 day Aug:	19.45	-55
15 day Sep:	19.40	-50
WTI Sep:	20.75	-45
WTI Oct:	20.55	-40

PRODUCTS
Buy/sell ranges USD/MT
Spot Cif Nwe - prompt deliver

Prem Gas .15:	+1	197-199	+1
Gasoil EEC:	-3	163-166	-3
Non 1H Jul:	-6	159-162	-4
Non 1H Aug:	-3	162-164	-2
3.5 Fuel Oil:	-6	109-111	-6
Naphta:	-6	169-170	-4

GAS OIL (G W Joynson)

Aug	163.25-63.50
Sep	164.75-65.00
Oct	166.75-67.00
Nov	169.00-69.25
Dec	170.00-73.00
Jan	170.00-80.00
Feb	170.00-80.00
Mar	untraded
Apr	170.00-80.00
Vol:	4353

HEAVY FUEL OIL (Reuters)

Aug	107.5-10.0
Sep	108.5-10.7
Oct	111.5-13.7
Vol:	3

LONDON FOX
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Aug	130.0-31.0
Oct	136.2-36.4
Dec	141.0-42.0
Mar	149.6-49.8
May	153.2-53.4
Aug	156.6-57.0
Vol:	3282

COCOA

Jul	1375-377
Sep	1347-349
Dec	1380-381
Mar	1405-406
May	1422-423
Jul	1438-442
Sep	1454-458
Vol:	3373

COFFEE

Jul	1215-220
Sep	1245-246
Nov	1267-268
Jan	1291-292
Mar	1313-315
May	1339-340
Jul	1360-370
Vol:	2210

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Volume previous day
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in cents per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	1068.0-1068.5
Three Months	1053.0-1054.0
Vol	234725
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1045.0-1050.0
Three Months	1045.0-1050.0
Vol	300
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	401.50-402.00
Three Months	378.00-379.00
Vol	51950
Tone	Easy

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	449.00-501.00
Three Months	492.00-493.00
Vol	47500
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	767.00-770.00
Three Months	779.00-781.00
Vol	102
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	767.00-770.00
Three Months	779.00-781.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	1064.0-1065.0
Three Months	983.00-984.00
Vol	290400
Tone	Steady But Quiet

ALUMINIUM HIGH GRADE
($ per tonne)

Three Months	1640.0-1645.0
Vol	525
Tone	Quiet

NICKEL

Cash	3035-3040
Three Months	3065-3067
Vol	9294
Tone	Barely Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 24

GB: Cattle, 97.73p per kg lw (+0.44)
GB: Sheep 198.61p per kg* (+24.00)
GB: Pigs, 74.97p per kg lw (+1.60)
* est. dead carcase weight

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change
485	180	Abelscot Group	420	450	-10
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	42	45	+1
125	110	Allied Insurance	115	125	n/c
94	36	Catalyst Comm	82	86	+2
150½	24	Corton Beach	128	133	+1
285	121	Edenspring Inv	265	275	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	31	33	+1
41	8	Do. Warrants	20	22	n/c
82	17	Publishing Holdings	74	77	-3
85½	45½	Theme Holdings	69	72	-4
139½	112½	Unit Group	137f	142f	n/a

England & Wales: Cattle down 12.6 %, av price. 97.46p(+0.34)
Sheep up 28.5 %, av price, 199.99p(+25.70)
Pig down 14.9 %, av price, 74.97p(+1.60)

Scotland: Cattle down 21.5 %, av price. 100.02p(+1.41)
Sheep up 231.5 %, av price, 190.23p(+10.58)
Pig n/a %, av price, n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Aug	97.5	96.8
Oct	102.3	102.1
Nov	103.3	103.3
Feb	96.8	96.8
		Vol: 18

Live Cattle Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Aug	unq.	92.5
Oct	unq.	92.0
Nov	unq.	98.5
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Sep	100.00	97.85
Nov	102.00	100.40
Jan	104.95	103.25
May	110.05	107.30
Jul	112.00	unq.

Vol: Wheat 243
Barley 246

SOYABEAN

Aug	125.8-26.2
Oct	125.0-26.0
Dec	125.0-26.0
Feb	127.0-28.0
Apr	128.0-29.5
Jun	125.0-27.0
Aug	126.0-27.0
Vol:	120

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	95.8	92.5
Feb	105.0	101.6
Apr	135.0	131.5
May	147.0	144.1
		Vol: 1035

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Jul 87	979.0-973.5	973.5
Oct 87	1070-1040	1060.0
Jan 88	1068-1066	1059.0
Apr 88		1082.5

Vol: 235 lots Open int: 2116
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
972.5 up 3.0 on 23/7/87

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Steadier end to account

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 13. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day August 3.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26)

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Barker & Dobson	Foods	
2	Country & New	Property	
3	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
4	Tarmac (aa)	Building,Roads	
5	Six Hundred	Industrials S-Z	
6	Stand Chart (aa)	Banks,Discount	
7	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
8	Erith	Building,Roads	
9	Ward White	Drapery,Stores	
10	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
11	FR Group	Motors,Aircraft	
12	Int Signal & Control	Electricals	
13	Brunning Group	Industrials A-D	
14	Church Charles	Building,Roads	
15	Dyson (J&J)	Industrials A-D	
16	Booth Inds	Industrials A-D	
17	Brown & Jackson	Building,Roads	
18	Shield Gp	Property	
19	TV-AM	Cinemas,TV	
20	Raine Ind	Building,Roads	
21	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
22	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
23	Locker (T)	Industrials L-R	
24	Cannon St	Industrials A-D	
25	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
26	Scholes (GH)	Electricals	
27	Thomson T-Line	Industrials S-Z	
28	Jourdan (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
29	Brixton	Property	
30	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
31	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
32	Frogmore	Property	
33	Gent SR	Drapery,Stores	
34	Magnet & South	Building,Roads	
35	Wilson Bowden	Building,Roads	
36	Provident	Banks,Discount	
37	First Nat Finance	Banks,Discount	
38	Federated Hsg	Building,Roads	
39	LWT Hldgs	Cinemas,TV	
40	Vaux	Breweries	
41	Bett Bros	Building,Roads	
42	Hall Eng	Industrials E-K	
43	Smith (WH) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
44	Chesterfield	Property	
© Times Newspapers Ltd.		Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

DAILY DIVIDEND	WEEKLY DIVIDEND
£4,000	£8,000
Claims required for +50 points	Claims required for +209 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
434	293	Lloyds (aa)	407	410	s -1	16.4	4.0	7.0
108	75	Lon Scot	105	108	● +1	4.4	4.1	15.7
529	335	Mercury Intl	488	492	r	13.7	2.8	11.8
179	122	Do 6% A	165	168	r +1	8.2	4.9	
705	566	Midland (aa)	620	623	-5	37.0	5.9	6.1
540	360	Morgan Grenfell	533	537	+6	14.4	2.7	13.8
221	155	Nat Aust Bk	218	222				
790	536	Nat West (aa)	753	755	-1	28.1	3.7	7.7
185	123	Ottoman	170		..	8.00	4.7	5.5
440	278	Provident	405	408	+1	17.8	4.4	14.1
177	55	REA Gp	168	178	+3	1.7	1.0	33.0
216	137	Rothschild (J) Hld	200	202	● +1	8.2	4.1	10.7
449	298	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	436	440	+7	15.6	3.6	11.0
16¼	705	Schroders	15½	16½	..	18.5	1.2	24.9
843	728	Stand Chart (aa)	818	822	+7	50.0	6.1	10.2
102¼	75	TSB (aa)	90½	92	● ..	6.5	7.1	6.5
10¼	680	Union	10	10	..	63.0	6.3	11.7
37⅛	27⅛	Wells Fargo	33⅞		..			
510	290	Wintrust	500	520	..	8.5	1.7	20.1

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	460	463	● ..	15.8	3.4	13.7
10½	729	Bass (aa)	9⅞	10	● ..	24.1	2.4	18.5
77	61	Belhaven	66	67	r -½	1.0	1.5	33.8
151½	131	Boddington	139	141	+1	5.1	3.6	15.3
693	537	Brown (Matthew)	690	695	r +11	20.2b	2.9	24.2
186	131	Buckleys	168	170	-5	4.4	2.6	51.9
219	141	Bulmer (H P)	215	220	+10	7.9	3.6	16.8
779	660	Burtonwood Brew	765	773	● ..	16.0	2.1	21.8
525	440	Clark (Matthew)	518	528	-2	11.6	2.2	18.0
352	202	Devenish (JA)	340	345	● ..	4.0	1.2	47.4
279½	187	Greenall Whitley	244	246	..	7.8	3.2	14.8
401	259	Greene King	388	392	+5	8.9	2.3	19.7
390	264	Guinness (aa)	368	372	+4	11.2	3.0	13.2
790	473	Hardys & Hansons	780	800	● ..	26.4	3.3	17.4
94	68	Highland Dist	79	81	● ..	3.1	3.4	17.4
208	138	Invergordon Dist	185	190	● ..	7.2	3.8	12.2
235	145	Irish Dist	203	208	..	6.0	2.9	
154	113	Marston Thompson	148	149	..	3.5	2.4	17.8
603	345	Morland	582	585	● ..	9.9	1.7	28.6
408	131	SA Breweries	390	400				
264½	178	Scot & New (aa)	255	257	+5½	10.9	4.3	14.0
580	466	Vaux	555	562	● +3	18.6	3.3	19.8
385	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	363	367	● +11	12.2	3.3	15.4
400	248	Do B	390	397	● ..	12.2	3.1	16.6
365	210	Whitbread Inv	346	354	● ..	11.3	3.2	40.7
390	277½	Wolvrhmptn & D	388	392	+5	7.0	1.8	22.0
477	274	Young 'A'	467	477	+2	11.6	2.5	27.5

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
450	193	Abbey	430	460	..	..		
297	222	Aberdeen Consts	275	278	-1	12.1	4.4	22.0
449	270	Amec	428	431	● +2	16.4	3.8	16.2
67	28	Anglo Utd	60	62	r -2	1.4	2.3	
142	68	Arncliffe	134	144	+2	2.2	1.6	30.6
324	217	Atwoods	306	308	● +5	7.2	2.3	23.5
882	527	BPB Ind (aa)	835	840	● +5	17.1	2.0	18.1
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	300	310	● ..	2.7	0.9	41.2
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	73	76	-1	0.9	1.2	15.0
252	158	Barratt Devs	230	232	+8	11.4	4.9	24.2
327	160	Bellway	294	298	-1	10.3	3.5	15.7
530	134	Berkeley Gp	483	493	r +3	3.4	0.7	38.3
148	65	Bett Bros	132	137	● +1	4.5	3.3	37.2
23	137	Blockleys	550	600	s +25	5.9	1.0	48.0
574	335	Blue Circle	503	507	+8	15.8	3.1	13.6
425	200	Breedon&Cloud Hill	198	219		7.7	3.7	39.7
217½	86	Br Dredging	217	218	+21½	5.5	2.5	39.5
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	75	77	+6			
180½	79	Bryant	119	120	-1½	3.0b	2.5	16.5
38½	11	Burnett & Hallam	26½	27	-¼	.	..	29
202	149	CRH	170	175	-1			
160	80	Cakebread Robey	137	147	-3	5.2	3.7	17.8
183	114	Church Charles	150	153	+6	3.8	2.5	18.1
278	150	Conder Grp	268	273	+1	5.5	2.0	30.6
364	246½	Costain	360	362	s +28	12.0	3.3	13.1
13⅛	130	Countryside	335	343	s ..	2.3	0.7	38.6
215	129	Douglas (RM)	205	208	..	3.7b	1.8	41.5
223	118	Erith	220½	225½	+4	5.9	2.6	23.0
175	98	Feb	164	184	..	2.4	1.4	28.8
126	78	Do 'A'	110	120	..	2.4	2.1	19.0
283	118	Federated Hsg	267	270	+3	5.5	2.0	18.8
182	88	Finlan Gp	164	167	-2	5.2b	3.1	48.5
174	92	Galliford	168	171	..	6.9	4.1	26.4
175	118	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	170	180	..	2.7	1.5	30.9
595	348	Gleeson (MJ)	565	585	● +2	8.4	1.5	15.9
305	162	Harrison Ind	297	302	● .	7.9	2.6	18.5
296	172	Henderson	260	267	● +7	10.3	3.9	24.3
142½	74	Hewden-Stuart	142	143	● +3½	2.6	1.8	21.6
406	228	Heywood Williams	377	380	-3	10.6	2.8	20.6
425	270	Higgs & Hill	405	412	s +2	10.3	2.5	19.6
143	49	Howard Shut	124	127	..	2.1	1.7	50.4
201	70	Ibstock Johnsen	184	188	+11	4.1	2.2	19.1
850	470	Jarvis (J) & Sons	760	860	.	20.6	2.5	18.0
414	252	Laing (J)	394	398	..	7.8	2.0	13.4
414	253	Do 'A'	396	398	+1	7.8	2.0	13.4
194	88	Lawrence (Walter)	179	181	● -2	5.5	3.1	17.5
74	42	Lilley (FJC)	70	72	+3	..	..	9.2
314	192	Lovell (YJ)	280	292	● +1	6.0	2.1	20.0
406	242	Magnet & South	370	374	r +6	8.2	2.2	24.7
413	326	Manders	406	410	-4	13.7	3.4	21.7
191½	123	Marley	173	175	+1	5.6	3.2	20.4
353	168	Marshalls (Halifax)	318	323	..	8.6	2.7	21.9
677	396	McAlpine (Alfred)	640	644	-3	19.9	3.1	14.8
620	303	McCarthy & S	572	578	● -8	4.7	0.8	25.4
464	288	Meyer Intl	418	422	● -3	9.6	2.3	13.7
171	38	Miller (Stanley)	132	137	+9	1.7	1.3	94.4
541	360	Mowlem (John)	524	526	● +12	21.9	4.2	15.6
12¼	795	Newarthill	11¾	12⅛	● ..	17.1	1.4	25.5
245	158	Newman Tonks	240	243	● +1	10.1	4.2	20.2
595	252	Persimmon	570	573	-2	8.6	1.5	20.6
158	88	Phoenix Timber	147	152	● ..	2.1	1.4	17.9
495	370	Pochins	485	505	..	19.2	3.9	13.9
574	341	RMC Gp (aa)	522	525	s -2	12.0	2.3	17.2

ELECTRICALS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
437	333	AB Elect	407	413	+2	13.7	3.3	21.4
468	207	Alphameric	465	470	+2	3.4	0.7	38.9
224½	131	Amstrad (aa)	176	178	+1	0.6	0.3	18.6
173	45	Apricot Computers	108	113	r -2			22.1
242	106	Arlen	215	219	● -5	2.7b	1.2	19.3
800	288	Atlantic Comp	770	780	-6	6.3	0.8	22.4
183	73	Audio Fidelity	160	170				78.2
290	196	Auto Sec	263	267	.	2.7	1.0	19.6
426	268	BICC (aa)	422	425	● +6	16.1	3.8	22.3
133	94	BSR	120	123	+2	2.7	2.2	22.0
244	134	[illegible]	237	241	-3	4.7	2.0	21.7
291	92	Borland	220	225	● +20			
690	211	Bowthorpe	247	252	●	3.7	1.5	21.3
251	75	Britannia Security	233	237	-1	2.2	0.9	25.8
337	209	Br Telecom (aa)	288	289	+1½	11.6	4.0	13.8
151	98	Brown Boveri Kent	146	149	-1	4.8	3.2	15.3
32½	15	Bulgin (AF) A	30	31	● +½	0.1	0.3	51.7
308	182	CAP Group	295	298	-1	2.2	0.7	37.6
148	77	CASE	120	125	● -1	0.1	0.1	10.3
437	323	Cable Wireless (aa)	398	402	● +2½	7.6	1.9	20.0
328	223	Cambridge Elec	310	315	+8	11.0	3.5	20.0
117	53½	Chloride	96	97	.	2.6	2.7	26.4
493	225	Do 7½% CPF	410	415	● -2			
265	163	[illegible]	260	265	● .	5.2	2.0	26.8
515	378	Cray Elect	502	507		5.8	1.1	39.5
301	225	Crystalate	285	288	● +1	7.3	2.5	[illegible]
195	133	DDT Group	142	147	● -5	1.6	1.1	25.7
143	59	Dale Elec	105	110	-6	4.1	3.8	21.2
65	34	Dewhurst	51	54	..	1.7	3.2	30.3
64	30	Do A	49	52	-1	1.7	3.3	19.5
645	318	Domino	625	645	● +2	3.5	0.6	[illegible]
78	45	Dowding & Mills	66	69	..	2.3	3.4	17.7
244	158	Dubilier	242	244	● ..	4.5	1.9	22.9
43	14	Eagle Tst	39½	40	r +½			
529	383	Electrocomponents	507	512	● -5	10.1	2.0	20.0
153	98	Elec Data Process	150	155	●	2.5	1.6	18.3
202	55	Electronic Mach	180	200	+10			
84	48	Electronic Rentals	75	77	● ..	4.4	5.8	29.7
501	299	Emess Lighting	498	500	●	8.6	1.7	27.7
505	273	Eurotherm	460	467	-2	[illegible]	1.6	25.0
213	93½	FKI Elect	181	182	● +4½	1.9	1.0	24.7
278	188	Farnell Elect	253	258	●	3.8	1.5	23.1
153	94	Ferranti	140	143	-½	2.7	1.9	18.9
122	53	Forward Tech	103	106		1.0	1.0	19.2
251	160	GEC (aa)	241	243	+1	7.3	3.0	15.3
104	83	Highland Elect	90	93		3.4	3.7	12.1
265	146	Hoskyns Gp	257	267	● +2	2.2	0.8	34.9
125	57	IBL	74	79	● +1	1.1	1.4	12.1
297	194	Int Signal & Control	230	232	● +6	1.0	0.4	
385	245	Jones Stroud	375	385		13.7	3.6	12.5
483	250	Kode	468	478	● +1	19.2	4.1	20.1
380	248	Lec Refrigeration	375	385	+5	17.1	4.5	18.1
390	210	Logica	387	390	+3	2.1	0.5	42.1
548	372	MK Elect	523	527	● -2	16.4	3.1	16.3
344	275	Macro 4	325	328		2.6	0.8	34.8
400	115	Memec	311	320	-2	4.5	1.4	32.8
171	85	MBS	144½	149½	● -1	0.7	0.5	
630	363	Microfilm Repro	615	625	+2	4.1	0.7	64.1
207	87	Micro Focus	142	152	-3			
441	206½	Microgen	398	405	● -2	8.2	2.0	30.8
406	270	Mitel	275	295	-5	.	..	..
30½	25½	Molex	30	31	+¼			
87	57	Multitone Elect	71	76	-1	0.1e	0.1	55.6
61	53	Murray Elect	56	59	.	0.3	0.5	90.6
393	250	Newmark (Louis)	385	400	.	19.2	4.9	14.7

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Yet again the results for the Fleming Universal Investment Trust for the year to 31st March 1987 have drawn applause from all quarters.

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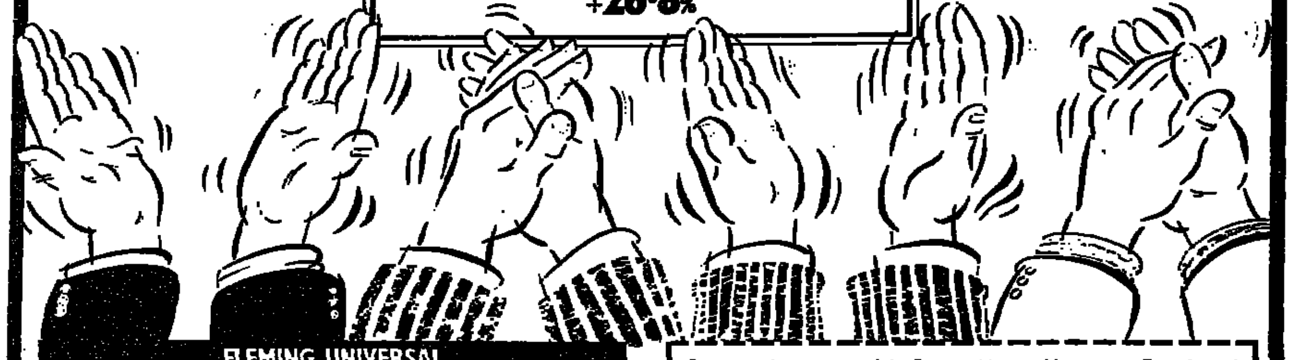

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GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF INVESTMENTS

at 30th June 1987

North America 48%
Continental Europe 18%
Japan 4%
United Kingdom 21%
Pacific Basin 9%

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FAMILY MONEY / INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded return at tax rates 27%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS							
Ordinary Deposit A/c[1]	3.00	3.02	2.28	1.65	1 min	0-7 day	—
National Girobank	3.00	3.02	2.28	1.65	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:							
National Westminster	6.00	6.00	4.52	3.29	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	6.25	6.25	4.71	3.42	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	5.46	5.46	4.11	2.99	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	5.93	5.93	4.47	4.25	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES							
Ordinary A/c	5.00	5.06	3.81	2.77	1 min	—	—
Britannia[2]	7.15	7.15	5.39	3.92	250 min	—	—
Bradford & Bingley[2]	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	—	—
Cheltenham & Glouc[2]	7.75	7.75	5.84	4.25	5,000 min	—	—
Nationwide Non-Resid[2]	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS							
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	6.21	6.39	4.81	3.50	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	6.58	6.79	6.54	3.72	3,000 min	—	01-626 2046
Bank Of Scotland	6.09	6.27	4.72	3.44	2,500 min	—	01-626 8060
Barclays High Rate Dep	6.00	6.14	4.63	3.36	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	6.25	6.40	4.82	3.51	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	6.01	6.19	4.66	3.39	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	2,000 min	—	01-741 4941
HFC Trust & Savings	7.50	7.64	5.76	4.19	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
Henderson Cheque A/c	6.09	6.27	4.72	3.44	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	6.38	6.48	4.88	3.55	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡[7]	6.90	6.90	5.20	3.78	5,000 min	3 mth	01-407 1000
Lloyds HICA‡	5.50	5.61	4.23	3.07	1,000 min	—	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	6.21	6.39	4.81	3.50	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	6.00	6.14	4.63	3.36	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	6.20	6.35	4.78	3.48	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	6.13	6.27	4.72	3.44	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	6.25	6.40	4.82	3.51	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	5.74	5.88	4.43	3.22	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	5.88	5.96	4.49	3.27	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	6.68	6.85	5.16	3.75	2,500 min	—	01-628 9771
Provincial Trust Chq A/c	6.77	6.99	5.27	3.83	1,000 min	—	061-9289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	5.92	6.05	4.56	3.32	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Classic	6.11	6.29	4.74	3.45	500 min	—	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	5.55	5.70	4.29	3.12	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
" "	5.74	5.90	4.45	3.23	10,000 min	—	0705 827733
Tyndall Call	6.32	6.47	4.87	3.55	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	6.30	6.45	4.86	3.53	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	6.16	6.34	4.78	3.47	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS							
Ordinary A/c[3]	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	10.00	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond*[4]	8.00	5.84	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
33rd Issue Cert[5]†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	7.02	7.02	7.02	7.02			
Retail Price Index: Jun	101.9	101.9	101.9	101.9			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS							
New Direction Finance	7.50	7.50	6.15	5.03	1,000 min	1 yr	01-626 3581
New Direction Finance	7.50	7.50	6.15	5.03	1,000 min	2 yrs	01-626 3581
Premium Life	7.60	7.60	6.23	5.09	1,000 min	3 yrs	0444 458721
Premium Life	7.60	7.60	6.23	5.09	1,000 min	4 yrs	0444 458721
Blackhorse Life	8.25	8.25	6.77	5.53	2,000 min	5 yrs	0634 405161
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS[6]							
Northampton	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	1 yr	01-407 2767
Kirklees	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	500 min	2 yrs	01-407 2767
Kirklees	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	500 min	3 yrs	01-407 2767
Swansea	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	4 yrs	01-407 2767
Swansea	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	5 yrs	01-407 2767
Northampton	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	6 yrs	01-407 2767
Northampton	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	7 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.50	6.50	4.90	3.56	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.50	6.50	4.90	3.56	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.50	6.50	4.9	3.56	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-407 2767
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS							
Sterling	7.70	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.73	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	2.53	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.82	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.41	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	1.96	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] All major banks, other banks may differ [2] Societies chosen based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 [3] 3 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free; instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [4] Increased at end of year in line with inflation. [5] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [6] Liable to variation [7] Charge for instant access Research: Deborah Benn

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (June '86 to June '87)
+4.2

Mortgage rate
11.25%

Bank base rate
9%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
12%-17% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.6% APR

Credit card rate*
23.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
3%

Building society ordinary account
5%

High-interest cheque account*
6.00%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	199
French franc	9.74
Greek drachma	217
Italian lira	2120

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	9.00%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.00%

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has received significant shareholders for the option of an allocation of shares rather than a A total of 40,000 a third of the have chosen this option.

Sort this out!

The Consumers' Association central sorting investors' the correct financial avoiding confusion could arise from the three ombudsmen and the possibility of

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.13	11.72	+0.01	
Bear	13.16	13.86	-0.23	
Owl	17.85	18.79	-0.30	
Bull	15.57	16.38	-0.14	
Stag	15.45	16.27	-0.22	
Gilt Edged		11.82	-0.30	
Deposit		10.43	-0.03	
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.20	12.85	+0.01	
Bear	15.42	16.24	-0.34	
Owl	22.64	23.84	-0.49	
Bull	18.86	19.86	-0.23	
Stag	18.82	19.82	-0.35	
Gilt Edged		12.33	-0.31	
Deposit		11.05	-0.04	
Exempt App Mixed	204.0	208.2	-2.60	
ABBEY LIFE 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	216.0	227.4	+0.3	
Do Accum	301.3	317.2	+0.4	
Equity Fund Income	147.8	155.6	-4.1	
Do Accum	163.6	172.3	-4.4	
Selective Fund	301.0	316.9	-4.6	
Money Fund	230.1	242.3	+0.2	
Prop Fd Ser 4	236.5	249.0	+0.3	
Equity Ser 4	159.3	167.7	-3.7	
Man Ser 4	421.4	443.6	-6.0	
Conv Ser 4	206.3	217.2	+0.2	
Money Ser 4	206.3	217.2	+0.2	
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	192.1	202.3	-3.0	
American Ser 4	289.4	304.7	-0.2	
High Inc Ser 4	417.2	439.2	-6.0	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	115.9	122.1	-0.3	
Japan Ser 4	257.2	270.8	+4.7	
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	989.4	1041.5	-52.3	
European Fd Accum	229.0	241.0	+2.5	
Fixed Int Acc	316.4	333.0	-6.8	
Gtd Money Fd Acc	211.1	222.1	+0.2	
Intl Man Fd Acc	368.5	387.9	-7.7	
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	195.1	205.3	-0.1	
Japan Fund	276.8	291.4	-11.4	
Nth American Fd Acc	184.6	194.3	-2.3	
Prop Fd Acc	221.1	232.7	+0.2	
Multiple Inv Acc	639.9	673.6	-19.4	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	233.2	245.5	+0.3	
Equity Accum	844.7	889.2	-11.9	
Property Accum	344.3	362.5	+0.3	
Far East Accum	182.4	192.0	-1.4	
Managed Capital	377.4	397.3	-5.0	
Do Accum	630.2	663.4	-8.0	
Overseas Accum	574.1	604.4	-7.7	
Gilt Edged Accum	287.8	303.0	-4.5	
Amer Equity Accum	401.1	422.3	-0.2	
Amer Man Accum	187.7	197.6	-0.1	
Amer Prop Accum	122.6	129.1	+0.4	
BALTIC ASSURANCE 25-26 Albermarle Street London W1X 4AD 01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	363.2	382.3	+6.56	
Managed Income	171.5	180.5	+3.77	
International	255.1	268.6	+6.12	
High Income	256.1	269.6	+9.18	
Income & Growth	338.8	356.6	+5.42	
Basic Resource	138.7	146.0	+1.33	
American	214.6	225.9	+1.89	
Far Eastern	456.0	480.0	-1.60	
Smaller Co's	323.1	340.1	+12.19	
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	624.0	656.9	-16.6	
Do Initial	534.6	562.8	-14.3	
Gilt Edged Accum	223.4	236.2	-5.3	
Do Initial	193.2	203.4	-4.5	
International Accum	296.4	312.1	+1.5	
Do Initial	254.6	268.0	+1.2	
Managed Accum	377.5	397.4	-6.5	
Do Initial	324.8	341.8	-5.5	
Money Accum	182.7	192.4	+0.4	
Do Initial	152.0	160.1	+0.1	
Property Accum	215.6	227.0	+0.3	
Do Initial	183.3	193.0		
America Accum	195.4	205.7	+4.8	
Do Initial	170.7	179.7	-0.2	
Australia Accum	234.2	246.6	+5.3	
Do Initial	205.1	215.9	+4.7	
Financial Accum	285.2	300.3	-3.7	
Do Initial	249.1	262.3	-3.4	
500 Accum	332.6	350.2	-7.9	
Do Initial	286.5	301.6	-6.8	
Japan & Gen Acc 2	380.4	400.5	+0.1	
Do Initial 2	325.7	342.9	+0.2	
Income Accum	342.5	360.6	-11.6	
Do Initial	297.8	313.5	-10.3	
Leisure Accum	209.0	220.0	-3.4	
Special Sits Accum	199.7	210.3	-3.4	
Univ Tech Accum	117.8	124.1	-0.1	
Do Initial	105.4	111.0	-0.1	
BLACK HORSE LIFE 348a High St, Chatham 0634 405161				
The Managed Fund		498.12	+7.71	
Income Fund	504.1	530.6	+8.92	
Extra Income Fund	467.0	491.6	+13.04	
Worldwide Grwth Fd	376.4	396.2	+3.17	
Balanced Fund	445.0	468.4	+5.44	
Smllr Co's & Rc Fd	655.2	689.7	+23.38	
Int Technology Fund	368.8	388.3	+10.43	
N Amer & Gen Fund	244.4	257.3	+5.24	
Energy Int Fund	148.9	156.8	-4.51	
Pacific Basin Fund	319.6	336.4	+4.57	
German Growth Fd	137.7	145.0	+2.48	
Japan Growth Fd	167.9	176.7	-0.19	
The UK Gth Fd	151.7	159.7	+1.74	
Contl Euro Gth	95.91	100.9	-3.14	
Property Fund	189.5	199.5	+0.18	
Fixed Interest Fund	205.8	216.7	+2.26	
Cash Fund	175.0	184.2	+0.18	
Managed Inv Fund	321.1	338.1	+5.37	
CANADA LIFE 2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth		194.8		
Managed	216.3	227.7	-3.9	
Property	131.6	138.6	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	144.4	152.0	-3.1	
Index-Linked	116.2	122.4	+1.1	
Equity	259.0	272.7	-5.8	
Cash	142.9	150.5	+0.1	
Midland Bk UT	238.5	251.1	-2.6	
Midland Bk Int	250.1	263.3	+0.9	

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units		£96.82	-4.22	
Property Units		£23.44		
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£41.25	43.65	-0.83	
2nd Equity Accum	443.9	469.7	-18.3	
2nd High Inc/Accum	386.5	409.0	-18.6	
2nd Property Accum	222.2	235.1		
2nd Managed 2 Acc	106.8	113.0	-0.9	
2nd Managed Acc	292.1	309.1	-5.7	
2nd Managed 4 Acc	117.1	123.9	-1.7	
2nd Deposit Accum	182.0	192.6	+0.1	
2nd Gilt Accum	193.4	204.7	-4.4	
2nd Amer Accum	264.3	279.7	+0.1	
2nd Intl Money Ac	197.4	208.9	+3.0	
2nd Index Accum	113.6	120.2	-0.9	
2nd Far East Accum	246.4	260.7	+6.0	
2nd Global Accum	111.3	117.8	-0.2	
2nd Euro Accum	108.2	114.5	+0.4	
2nd Japan Accum	126.3	133.7	+1.6	
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Property Fund	128.7	135.5		
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Managed Fund	524.4	552.0	-5.4	
Equity Fund	388.6	409.1	-3.6	
Fixed Interest Fund	158.2	166.6	-7.2	
Far East Fund	265.9	279.9	+3.1	
Nth Amer Fund	190.8	200.9	-4.6	
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Mixed	178.5	187.9	-2.5	
Equity	235.6	248.1	-6.0	
Property	125.1	131.7	+0.6	
Gilt & Fixed Int	122.3	128.8	-2.4	
Indexed Secs	100.2	105.5	-0.5	
Cash	111.8	117.7	+0.1	
Nth American	125.0	131.6	-2.1	
Far East	163.3	171.9	+3.3	
International	148.2	156.0	-0.6	
Special Sits	208.5	219.5	-0.9	
Intl Income	189.3	199.3	-3.6	
European	171.8	180.9	+2.8	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	181.3	190.9	-3.1	
Equity	216.5	227.9	-6.0	
Property	123.5	130.1		
Gilt & Fixed Int	132.5	139.5	-4.2	
Index Linked	104.5	110.1	-1.6	
Cash	124.6	131.2	+0.2	
Nth American	135.9	143.1	-3.0	
Far East Acc	192.3	202.5	+7.0	
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Special Sits	260.3	274.0	-1.4	
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CML(Pen) Eqty Cap	695.9	732.5	+15.17	
CML(Pen) Eqty Inv	786.9	828.3	+18.22	
CML(Pen) Fxd Cap	219.5	231.1	-2.67	
CML(Pen) Fxd Inv	248.2	261.3	-2.67	
CML(Pen) Indx Cap	129.6	136.5	+2.27	
CML(Pen) Indx Inv	146.6	154.3	+2.76	
CML(Pen) Man Cap	393.0	413.7	+4.69	
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Var Ann (5)		74.87		
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Prime- UK Equity	356.9	375.7	-9.9	
Prime- Int Equity	229.9	242.0	-0.7	
Prime- Property	130.3	137.2	+0.5	
Prime- Fixed Interest	152.0	160.1	-4.4	
Prime- Index-Linked	102.0	107.4	-0.3	
Prime- Cash	127.5	134.3	+0.1	
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PIP Fund		£33.913	+3.20	
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Life Managed Acc	396.4	417.2	-10.8	
Life Fixed Int Accum	237.3	249.7	-8.6	
Life Equity Accum	528.2	556.0	-17.1	
Life Money Accum	186.7	195.9	+0.4	
Life Inv Trust Accum	539.1	567.4	-21.2	
Life Intl Accum	407.2	428.6	-2.4	
Life High Inc Accum	512.4	539.3	-6.6	
Life Property Accum	187.3	197.1	+0.1	
Crown Bnt Inv A	658.1	617.8		
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North Amer Opp	106.7	111.8	-0.3	
Far East Opp	114.0	120.0	-0.5	
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Fixed Int	102.6	108.6	-2.1	
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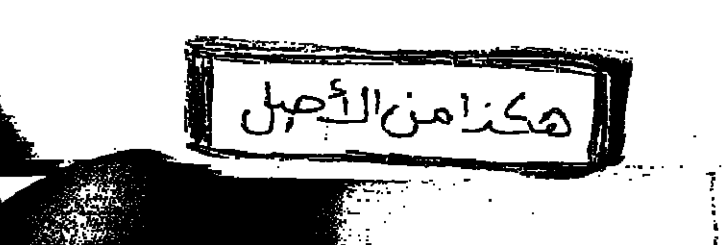
Overseas	95.7	101.3	+0.4	



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Boots offer

Boots has received significant support from shareholders for its plan to give the option of an additional allocation of ordinary shares rather than a dividend. A total of 40,000 shareholders, a third of the total, have chosen this option.

Sort this out!

The Consumers' Association has called for a central sorting office to pass investors' complaints to the correct financial ombudsman, avoiding confusion that could arise from the existing three ombudsmen schemes and the possibility of five more.

Bigger bonuses

General Accident Life is to increase its terminal bonus rates from August 1 and claims 25-year maturity values are now 30 per cent higher than a year ago. It says the increase is well covered by the improvement in stock market values and expects to maintain the rates for the foreseeable future.

The £75,000 prize money pocketed by Nick Faldo for winning the British Open last Sunday could be the start of untold wealth but, just like ordinary mortals, the golf champion has to plan his finances.

PETER GARTLAND reports

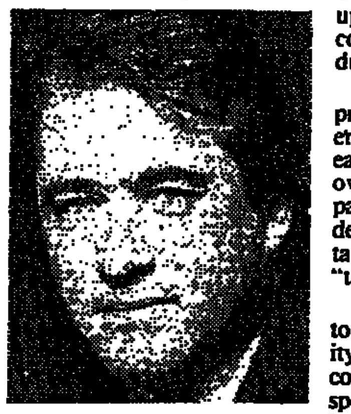
Although the British Open was Nick Faldo's most dramatic triumph this year, it was not his first. He won the Spanish Open in May, thereby ending a three-year lean spell.

Just how lean this spell was can be gauged by the fact that he told *The Times* after his Spanish success: "I'm not prepared to put a figure on it but by last year my earnings had taken a huge nosedive. I didn't even want to look at the accountant's figures."

Now, just a few weeks later, Faldo can not only look at the accountant's figures but will feel a very warm glow when he does so.

The packaging and marketing of world-beating sports personalities is a well documented phenomenon of the 1980s, especially when the star of the show is as photogenic as Faldo. Among his more obvious product endorsement possibilities are golf equipment and sportswear.

But Faldo's advisers, Mark McCormack's International Management Group, are likely to be studying a whole range of options during the next few weeks. IMG's initial figure of £1 million as being Nick Faldo's marketing worth looks on the timid side.



Fred Carr: "Form a company"

Whatever the real figure turns out to be, Faldo will need detailed advice on how to make the best use of his new-found wealth.

We asked a leading firm of accountants and a top stockbroker how they would structure Faldo's personal finances, bearing in mind his personal circumstances.

He is aged 30 and has been married to his second wife, Gill, since January 1986. He has a 10 month-old daughter, Natalie, and no children by his previous marriage. The Faldos live in a mock Tudor house on the Wentworth estate in Surrey. We asked the advisers to assume that Faldo would remain a UK resident.

International chartered accountants Touche Ross stressed that an important feature of financial planning for any sportsman should be the build-up of wealth so that when income flow becomes more erratic, he should not suffer financially.

The first step in planning this is for the golfer to become Nick Faldo Inc. In other words, a corporate structure should be created for him and this company would receive income from all sources connected with his golfing activities.

The chief advantage of this, according to Victor Washtell, of Touche Ross, is that the top rate of corporation tax paid by Nick Faldo Inc would be 35 per cent. Faldo as an individual would be subject to normal income tax rates, which means that in his high-earning years he would be taxed at the top rate of 60 per cent income tax on all prize and sponsorship money earned.

Investment in tax-efficient shelters should be considered

Of course, any salary paid out by Nick Faldo Inc would *still be subject to income tax.* There is scope for for determining how much reas*onable salary* can be paid.

Touche Ross also points out that as a significant amount of Faldo's work will be carried out overseas, an employment contract with a company set up solely and specifically in connection with his overseas duties could be set up.

In these circumstances, and provided strict Inland Revenue rules were observed, earnings in respect of those overseas activities could be paid with a 100 per cent deduction. In non-accountants' language that means "tax-free".

One thing Faldo does need to look out for is the possibility of taxation on earnings in countries overseas. As a sportsman, he is not protected by double taxation treaties.

The overseas "long absence", as it is known, would not stop Faldo playing golf or doing other work in the UK, but he should restrict his UK stay to two months in any 365-day period and have his UK work covered by a separate employment contract.

Mr Washtell also says thought should be given to investing in tax-efficient shelters such as woodlands, and that there should be regular reviews of Faldo's life assurance cover and his and his wife's wills.

Over at top London stockbrokers Capel-Cure Myers, the first reaction of the firm partner Fred Carr was to advise Faldo to go abroad and become non-resident. However, *with proper financial* structuring, Mr Carr believes Faldo will not do too badly in the UK now that taxes are less onerous than they were just a few years ago.

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Nick Faldo triumphs . . . now he has a winner's money

Mr Carr agrees with the advice from Touche Ross that the priority is to create a corporate structure for Faldo's earnings.

Ownership of the company could be spread among other members of his family as well as his wife, though not his daughter, Natalie. For her, says Mr Carr, it would be a good idea to set up an accumulation and maintenance trust that would cover future children as well.

This is a very effective tax planning vehicle, whose main benefit would be to provide for Natalie's future school fees and living expenses.

Once the company has been *set up, it should take out key* man insurance as well as permanent health and accident cover on Faldo.

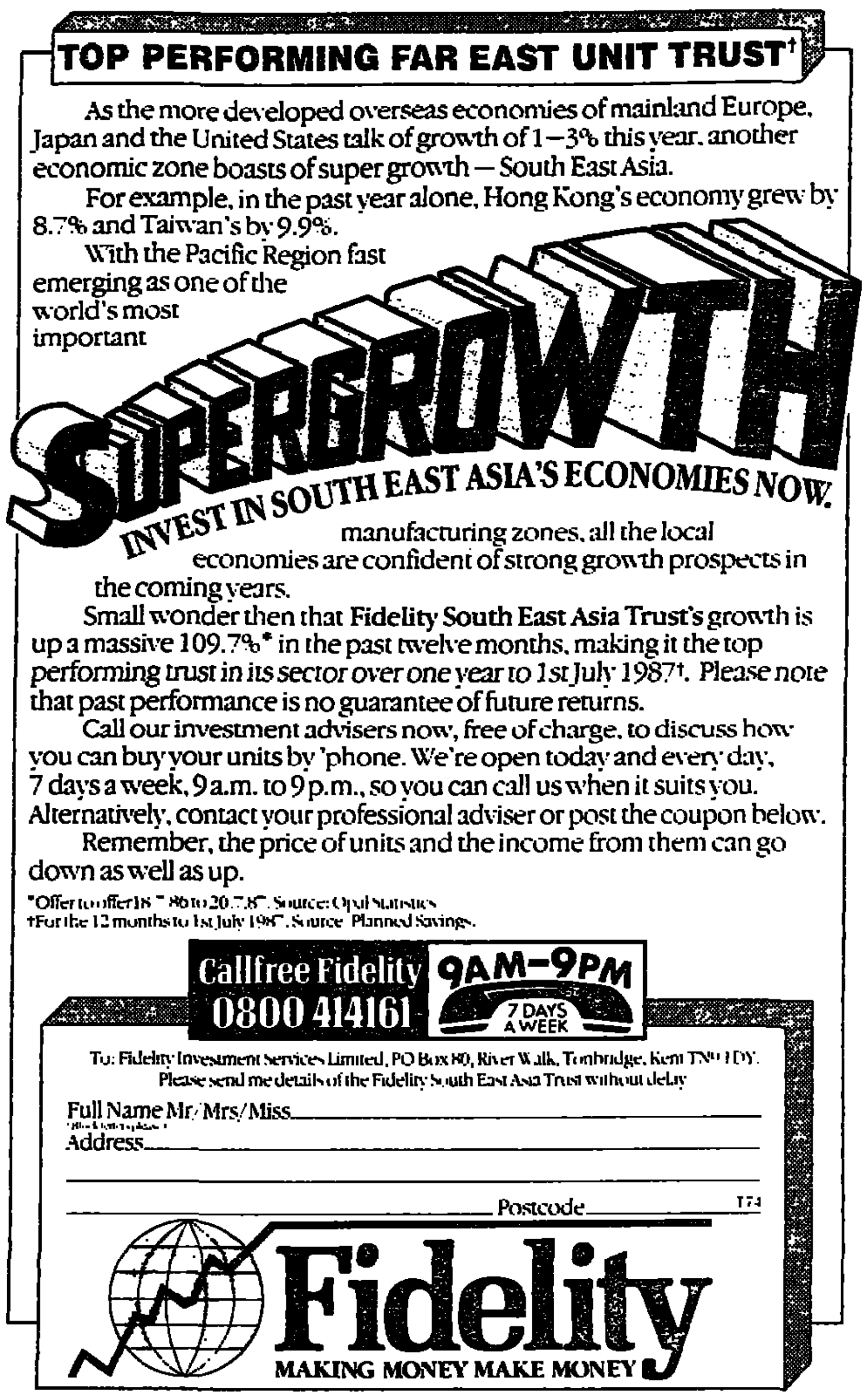
Then there is the pension. There is always the pension. *Touche Ross and Capel-Cure* Myers agree that Faldo should take out either a self-employed pension or set up what the actuaries call a small self-administered plan inside the company.

The advantage of a self-employed plan is that the Revenue-approved retirement age for full tournament golfers is 40, so he could sit back and take it easy quite early on if he wanted to.

On the other hand, a small self-administered plan would allow Faldo to shelter his earnings from the taxman at a rather higher level than the 17.5 per cent normally permitted on a self-employed plan.

Finally, a slice of down-to-earth advice from Mr Carr. He hopes that if Faldo ever gets around to investing his money, he avoids "get rich quick" schemes. He is likely to make far more money from himself than from anything other than extremely successful speculations.

"Most speculators lose money," says Mr Carr.



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Wardley goes East with some promise

■ A highly specialized unit trust investing in Singapore and Malaysia is being launched by Wardley Unit Trust Managers, the fund management subsidiary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The Wardley Singapore and Malaysia Growth Trust requires a minimum investment of £1,000. The initial charge is 5 per cent and there is an annual charge of 1.25 per cent. During the initial offer period of the fund there is a 1 per cent bonus allocation available until August 19.

The aim of the new fund is to take advantage of what Wardley sees as the tremendous growth opportunities that exist in this part of South-East Asia. Official estimates forecast 3 to 4 per cent gross domestic product growth in Singapore and a 1.5 to 2 per cent growth in Malaysia for 1987. However, Wardley says it considers these figures to be conservative and believes a more accurate estimate would be for a 6 to 7 per cent growth in Singapore with a 3 to 4 per cent growth in Malaysia.

This is not a fund for risk-averse investors. However, it could be an interesting opportunity for people who are prepared to take a big chance in the hope of big profits. The fund is being managed from Singapore, so Wardley should have its corporate ear to the ground.

■ The British Franchise Association has introduced a new arbitration procedure that aims to be an inexpensive and quick way of resolving disputes between franchisors and franchisees.

The BFA has come in for some criticism in Family Money during the past year or so. It now appears to be seeking to increase the safeguards available to franchisees.

If either side chooses arbitration the decision of the arbitrator is binding. Interestingly, if the franchisor does not want the particular dispute to go to arbitration he is entitled to refuse.

The costs of going to arbitration are generally weighted in favour of the franchisee who, if he loses, should normally only have to pay one third of the franchisor's costs.

■ Most of us have yet to get our summer holiday out of the way, but the insurance companies are already more concerned with plans for next winter.

Bishopsgate Insurance has revised its SkiCare policy for the 1987-88 season. Premium rates are up by between 8 and 9 per cent on last year, but some parts of the cover and the compensation levels have been increased.

Loss or damage to skis, boots or poles is now covered to a value of £350, up from £250, and the limit for any one article has risen by 50 per cent to £150, along with the limit for the cost of hiring such items if the owner's equipment is lost or damaged.

All SkiCare policyholders have access to Assistance International, Bishopsgate's 24-hour emergency service.

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Smith

■ "We support the view that the extension of share ownership will be of benefit to the country as a whole" — Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange. "Well, he would say that, wouldn't he?" — Mandy Rice-Davies.

Thus the worldly-wise introduction to a splendid new paperback written by the financial journalist Keith Sharp.

***Tell Sid to watch it!* is described as a layman's guide to the Stock Exchange. In 144 snappily written pages Mr Sharp takes the reader on a brisk and no-nonsense tour of stock market investment. He covers such questions as what can go wrong, what can go right and whether Sid is wise to take all his money out of its safe home in the Post Office and buy shares in privatization issues.**

A lively read and excellent value at £3.25 from bookshops.

■ The assumption that unemployment is the biggest single cause of mortgage arrears has been challenged by new research undertaken by the Bristol & West Building Society.

According to a survey carried out by the B&W, financial mismanagement is the biggest single cause of mortgage arrears, followed by a breakdown in personal relationships. Financial mismanagement is held repponsible for 42 per cent of cases of mortgage arrears. Breakdown in personal relationships gets a 28 per cent rating, and 22 per cent of cases are attributed to reduced circumstances such as unemployment and sickness. Eight per cent of people get into arrears through deliberate non-payment.

Smith
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Robert Linden, B&W's general manager, says he finds it disappointing that borrowers who get into arrears are reluctant to discuss the problems with their building society manager, who can often advise on ways and means of alleviating their distress. "We are anxious that people in arrears are helped, and see possession as being very much the last resort," he says.

■ Next week, Allied Dunbar is set to launch a free-standing Section 226A life assurance policy called the Personal Life Plan. The jargon means that self-employed penple and those in non-pensionable employment will be able to take out life assurance and get tax relief, without taking out an associated policy.

Halfway gains for unit trust experts

The Times* 1987 Unit Trust Competition has reached the halfway stage and it is time to assess progress to date, *writes Peter Gartland.

Entrants had to select the three unit trusts they thought would perform the best over the period February 1 to December 31, 1987. By the February 5 closing date, about 3,000 entries had been received for the three categories — General, Professional Adviser and Under-18s.

When the final calculations are made at the start of 1988 the winner and runners-up will be the competitors whose three choices together show the best performance on the basis of a notional £100 investment in each of the three choices. Performance will be measured on an offer-to-offer basis, with net income reinvested.

Last January we included four unit trust experts' choices plus *The Times'* own choices. On the basis of five completed months, February to June inclusive, the clear leader among our experts is Peter Hargreaves, of the Bristol-based unit trust advisers Hargreaves Lansdown.

Mr Hargreaves' three choices were Clerical Medical Special Situations, Murray Johnstone Olympiad and Touche Remnant Global Technology. Murray Johnstone and Touche Remnant have served Mr Hargreaves adequately by turning the original £100 into £110.20 and £112.90 respectively. However, the Clerical Medical fund has done spectacularly up to now by rising from £100 to £156.30. Overall Mr Hargreaves is showing a £79.40 gain on his original £300.

In second place is Peter Edwards, of Premier Unit Trust Brokers. Mr Edwards is suffering a slight loss on Henderson American Smaller Companies. His choice of Baring Japan Special has shown a respectable £14.20 gain but his success so far is based solidly on Touche Remnant's Special Opportunities Fund, on which his original £100 has risen to £152.50. Mr Edwards' original £300 is showing a gain of £64.60.

Jamie Berry, of Berry Asset Management, is snapping at Mr Edwards' heels with a £63.30 gain on his original £300. Mr Berry's three £100 lots went into Baring Eastern, Oppenheimer Worldwide Recovery and Touche Remnant Global Technology. His gains on these funds are £30.60, £19.80 and £12.90 respectively.

Mark Searle, of Richards Longstaff, chose Thornton Tiger, Henderson Singapore and Malaysia and Providence Capitol Swiss Equities. Mr Searle's Swiss choice is showing a slight loss but his other two choices are doing well. His original £100 in Thornton Tiger has reached £131.60, while £100 in his Henderson Singapore and Malaysia Fund has risen to £128.80.

Of *The Times'* choices, John Govett Pacific Strategy is forging ahead. At July 1 it was showing a gain of £28.20 on an original £100. Of our other two choices, Dumenil Spanish Growth is showing modest growth, but our overall progress is being hampered by EBC Amro French Growth, which has performed poorly so far. Our three choices are showing a total £18.30 gain.

With half the period of the competition still to run there is likely to be a great deal of jockeying for position as markets fluctuate in the second half of 1987. We shall be reporting on the final results in Family Money early in January and, more importantly, publishing details of the winning entries. If past experience is anything to go by, our readers are likely to give the experts a run for their money.

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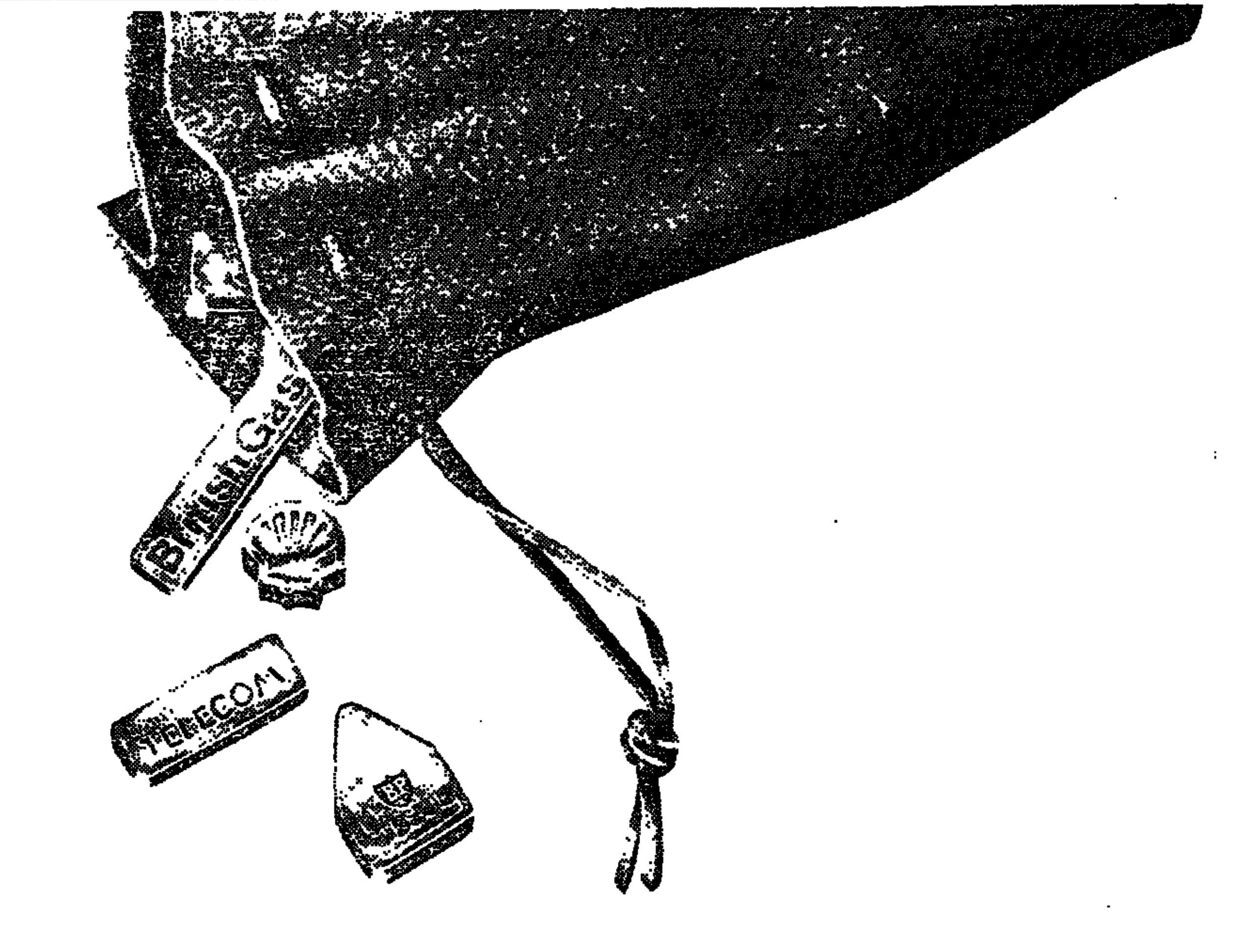

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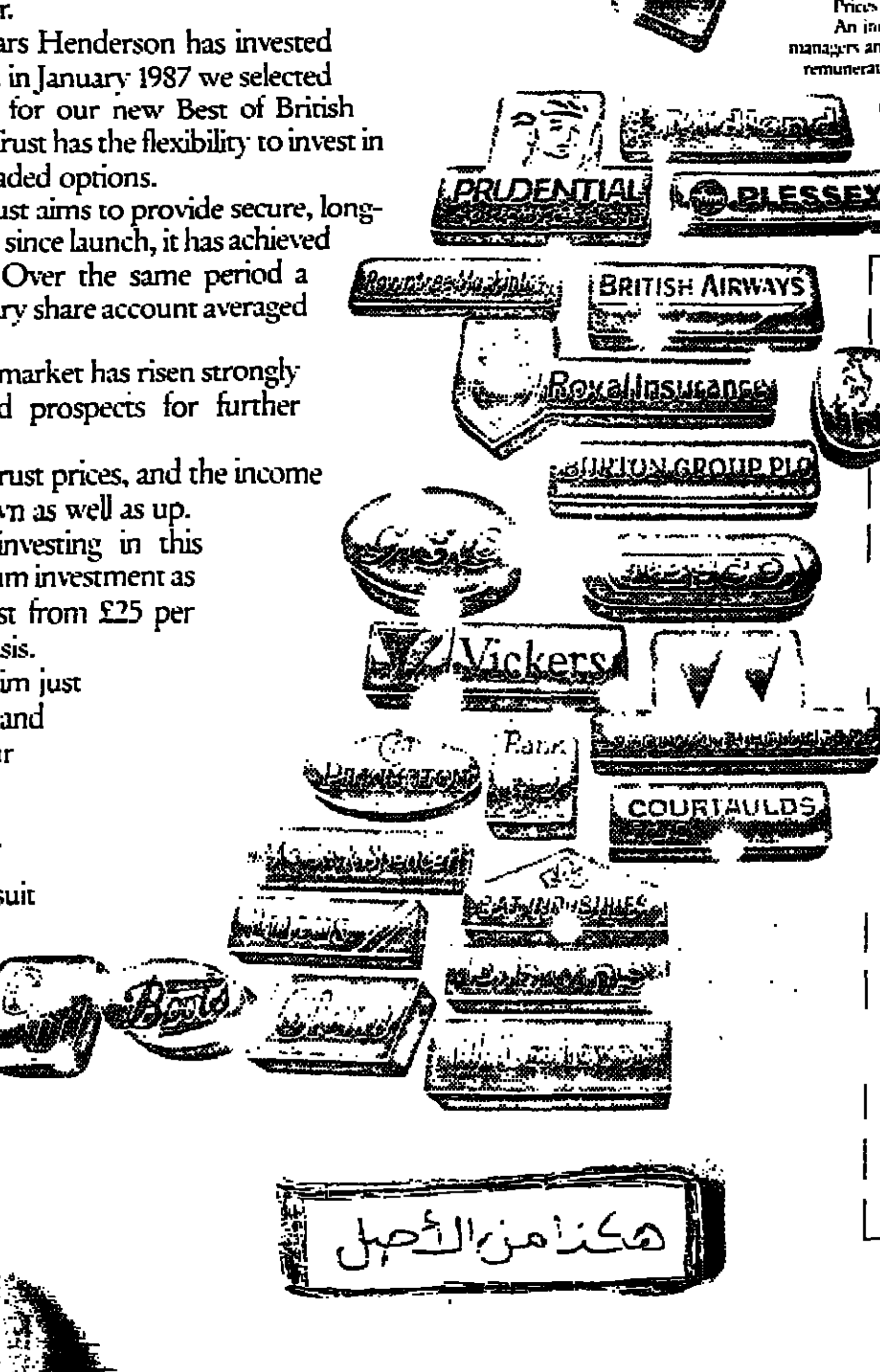

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Tangle of the triple take-over

In circumstances reminiscent of the heyday of the Amsterdam "boiler-room" share-pushing swindles, a stockbroking firm with branches in Rotterdam and Geneva is tipping shares in an American company, Sherwood Financial, on the basis of its "dynamic management" and its successful acquisition of three UK companies.

Yet inquiries by *The Times* this week have established that:

- Sherwood has bought none of the three British companies named.
- One of the three appears to have gone out of business.
- A director and senior staff member of another have resigned amid claims and counter-claims over debts.
- Sherwood's British vice-president has resigned.
- And all trading in Sherwood shares in the United States is at a halt following a court case brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The stockbrokers, Chelsea Financial, claim in their *Flash Report* tip-sheet sent to investors in Britain that Sherwood Financial has "scooped up three UK companies simultaneously" in a move that "speaks well for the dynamism of Sherwood's management". The companies, all based in the Nottingham area, are named as travel agents Linroy Travel, Sherwood (General Insurance Services), and life insurance brokers Gladstone and Associates. A Gladstone director, the Nottingham businessman Cornelius Gary Sullivan, is also president of Sherwood Financial.

Director and salesman go

This week Mr Sullivan's lawyers on both sides of the Atlantic emphatically denied that Sherwood had bought any of the three companies, and demanded that Chelsea issue a retraction. Sherwood had signed a contract in April to buy all three businesses, they said, but the present owners, FMS Group, had so far failed to produce essential company records or even proof of ownership.

And last week the Association of British Travel Agents announced that Linroy Travel had ceased to trade. Staff were told the company was being placed in voluntary liquidation.

In a further blow to Chelsea's glowing report on Sherwood's would-be subsidiaries, two key members of Gladstone's staff have recently left the company. A director Bob Coleman and a salesman Jim McKay resigned, both claiming to be owed back pay or expenses. Their claims are denied by the company, whose solicitors are preparing a court action against Mr McKay for the return of his company car which, he says, he is holding "hostage".

More seriously, a Nottingham travel agent, Andrew Soltysik, has resigned as a director of Linroy Travel and as vice-president of its purported buyer Sherwood Financial. Mr Soltysik told *The Times* he was disturbed by events surrounding a recent attempt by Sherwood to take over an American company, GSS Venture Capital Corporation.

GSS is, like Sherwood, an over-the-counter stock traded by a handful of American market-makers. Its shares have been heavily promoted in mailshots and high-pressure telephone calls to British investors by Timezone, a Madrid-based company having close links with Tower Securities, an Amsterdam firm of share-pushers closed down by

WHEN SHERWOOD SAYS 'GO DUTCH' - WATCH IT!
Smith

the Dutch authorities last year.

The take-over collapsed when the Securities and Exchange Commission applied in a Chicago court for injunctions banning GSS and Sherwood from proceeding with the merger, alleging it was part of a fraudulent scheme. This week SEC officials said both companies have consented to the injunctions without admitting to the SEC's allegations. But trading in Sherwood shares, which was frozen by the SEC, has yet to resume.

Chelsea Financial is an American-owned business with a reputation for making a market in particularly risky shares. The Amsterdam stock exchange views it as dangerous to Holland's fragile reputation for protecting investors.

Tony Hetherington

Huge claims in coffee swindle

The Financial Services Act will make false or misleading statements to potential investors a criminal offence. LAWRENCE LEVER reports on investors who lost money through bogus information

Investors have made claims for thousands of pounds against Cargill Investor Services Ltd (CIS), a futures broker, after a CIS agent persuaded them to sell coffee on the basis of patently misleading statements.

The agent, Nigel Goldman, is now in jail for attempted fraud over an entirely different matter. At the time he was an independent broker having an exclusive arrangement with CIS to introduce futures business. CIS and Goldman shared the commission earned from clients he introduced.

On December 12, 1985, Goldman persuaded Peter Jackson and David Batty to sell coffee short — that is, to sell coffee they did not have, in the hope of later buying it back more cheaply.

Both men say Goldman told them the coffee price was about to fall, because a drought in Brazil that had kept prices up had ended the previous night. He added that the International Coffee Exchange's rules now allowed coffee to be released on to the market, thereby sending prices down. These statements were untrue. Four days later Goldman repeated them to Paul Humphries, Mr Jackson's brother-in-law, who then also sold coffee short.

All three lost money — Mr Batty £15,615, Mr Jackson £4,300. Mr Humphries' loss was about £6,900, including commission. It is not yet known how many others were fed false information by Goldman to persuade them to deal in commodity futures. Some sources put the total lost by individuals at around £250,000, although Richard Duncan, a CIS director, says it is nearer £25,000.

CIS sued Mr Humphries. It had taken about £3,700 of money he had on deposit with it and wanted the balance. Mr Humphries counter-claimed for the return of his money

CIS eventually dropped its claim but Mr Humphries pursued his counter-claim and won. The judge awarded Mr Humphries his £3,700 back. According to notes of his judgment, he said Goldman had "deliberately mis-stated the facts" on the state of the coffee market and that Goldman had been negligent in failing to explain the potentially unlimited risk to his clients in selling coffee short.

As a result of the ruling Mr Batty is now claiming from CIS his lost £15,615 plus interest and damages because of the adverse effects he says the loss had on his retail *jewellery business.*

Mr Jackson, who did not pay CIS, is claiming costs. CIS tried to wind up his company when he did not pay and Mr Jackson is claiming £3,000 legal costs incurred in getting a judgment against his company set aside. CIS is negotiating with both men.

CIS is a subsidiary of a large US parent. It is a member of the AFBD — the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers — responsible for policing commodity dealers.

Mr Duncan at CIS says the company was introduced to Goldman by a person who at the time was a CIS employee. "I believe we did make checks," he says. "Mr Goldman was associated with us for about 15 months from November 1984 to February 1986." He says Goldman was not allowed to use the Cargill name to win business. Nevertheless, all the contract notes and statements of account came directly from CIS.

"We would say Mr Goldman was not our agent," he maintains. He says most of his company's business is not with private clients, adding: "At no stage has CIS been accused of any wrongdoing."

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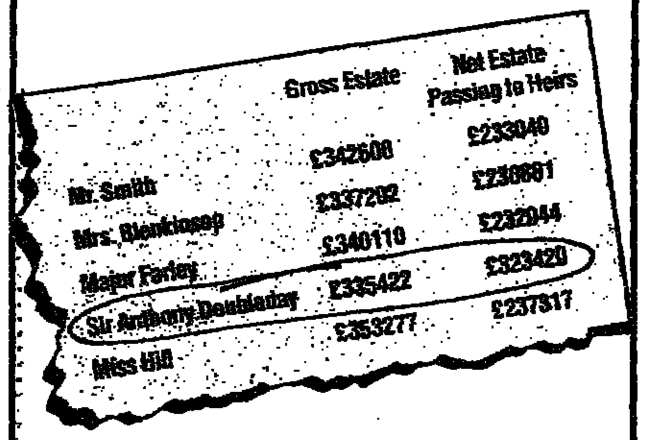
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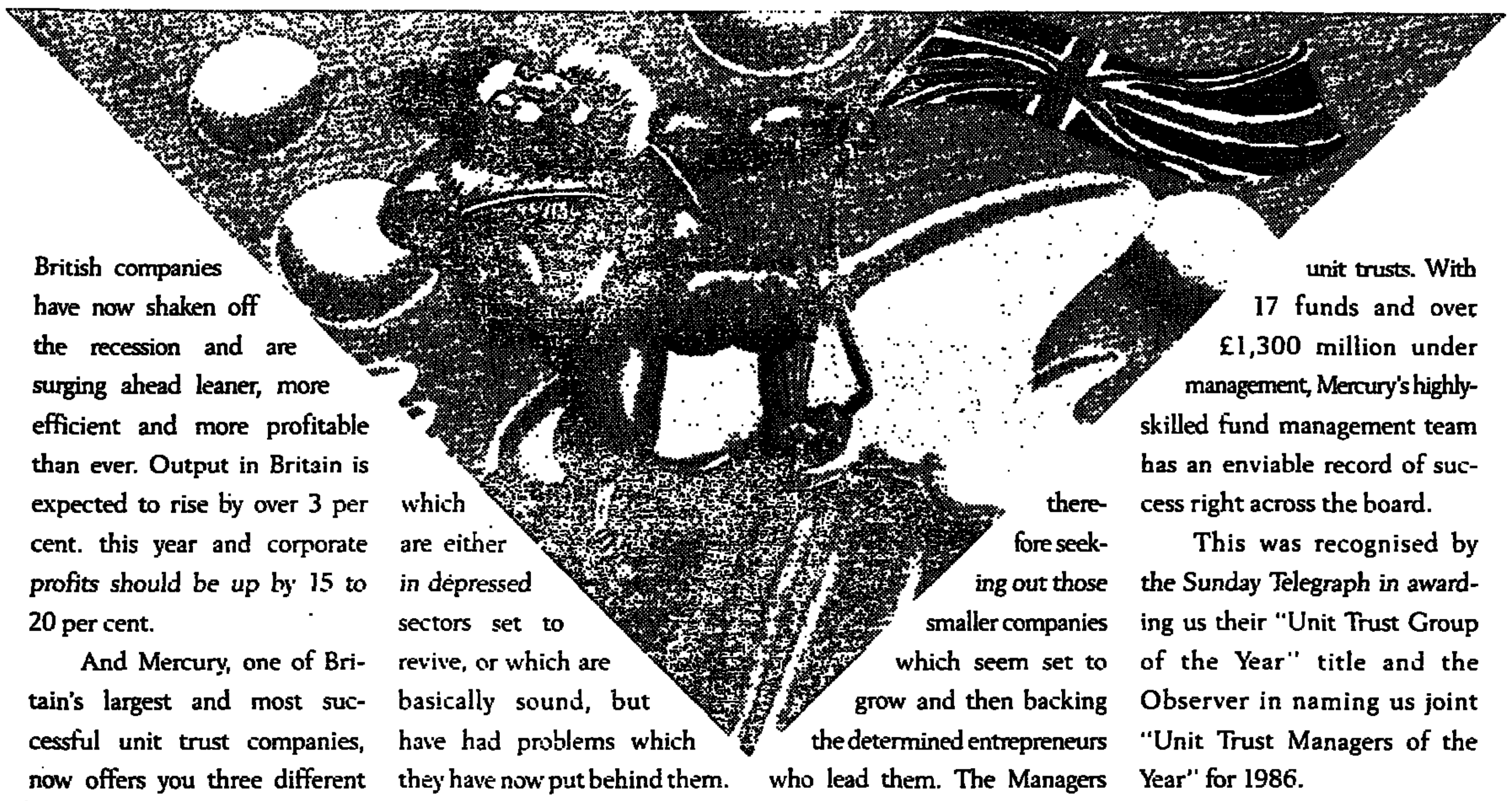

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To many people, drink remains the demon to be avoided at all costs. But in the cool, calculating world of the life assurance actuary, the cost can be assessed both accurately and rationally.

Indeed, the total abstainer is, and always has been, bad news for the life underwriter, on the basis that the teetotaller has a shorter life expectancy than the light drinker. In the past, many companies loaded their policies against the abstainer, offending groups such as the Quakers, who argue that their lifestyle is healthier than most.

These days none of the bigger life assurance companies discriminates against the non-drinker, although mortality tables continue to show that a little drink now and again is good for you.

The problems begin when "social drinkers" take more than the therapeutic half-pint and, in particular, when they then get into their motor cars.

Industry figures show that alcohol costs insurance companies £90 million a year in mangled metal alone, even before lost limbs and premature death are taken into account.

Kettleborough: "It varies"

So it is surprising that only one company – Ansvar – goes out of its way to encourage abstinence. Indeed, the company will insure only non-drinkers.

And despite the longer opening hours and increasing consumption of alcohol, business is booming. Ansvar calculates that between 11 and 14 per cent of adult Britons are teetotal and therefore potential customers. Its Swedish parent company already has 5 per cent of the domestic motor market in Sweden.

Competitors say Ansvar is expensive and offers little in the way of discounts. Geoffrey Williams, the managing director, concedes that Ansvar is not the cheapest – "but neither do we want to be".

A few pints may aid longevity, then raise insurance costs

Ansvar is not the most expensive either. Mr Williams cites, for example, comparative rates for a businessman in Bristol driving a 2.8 litre Granada: "Our quote, for fully comprehensive cover, with the maximum no-claim bonus, would be £217. This compares with £242 for Sun Alliance, £275 for Guardian Royal Exchange and £301 for Cornhill."

Life gets interesting when somebody with an Ansvar policy is in an accident and is found to have alcohol in the bloodstream. Mr Williams takes the view that the company has been misled and accepted the risk on the basis of false information. On occasion, contracts have been declared null and void.

For other insurers, the blood test is merely the start of their problems. Sooner or later the drunken driver will get his licence back and want to be insured again. In most cases, he will approach the original insurer.

Gerald Eaton, of Legal & General, concedes that the insurer at the time of the accident – who may have had to pay out a fortune in damage claims – is more or less obliged to quote for the business. The industry's code of practice sees to it that bad risks are evenly divided.

"As insurers, we always say there is a rate for everything," says Mr Eaton. "And somebody with a licence is entitled to be insured, as well as being obliged to provide at least third party cover. But nobody really wants to take on somebody who has been convicted of drunken driving and, if they do, the premium will be quite horrendous."

Some customers find the rate so horrendous that they are forced to look around. Very often, they find their way to CloverLeaf, a subsidiary of the Sentry group, which specializes in difficult cases.

Sentry is also one of the few companies offering life cover to people with a recognized drink problem. Graham Kettleborough, chief underwiter of the life office, says premiums vary according to alcohol intake and type of insurance policy.

"For normal term assurance, a heavy drinker who may have damaged his liver can expect to pay at least three times the usual premium," he said. "But if he can prove that he has kicked the habit, the rate might go down.

Hayter: trying again

"Ironically, nobody values life assurance more than somebody who has been close to death."

Despite the cost of alcohol, few companies – including those in the health insurance business, where group cover is virtually standard practice – delve deeply into a potential client's drinking habits.

But some undoubtedly look for give-away phrases and, in some cases, even addresses that may spark off further inquiries.

Overend Wood, of insurance brokers Loftus and Co, says most companies do not like the phrase "social drinking only" in reply to a question about booze. "They want something specific," he says, "although I doubt if many people can actually give an accurate answer."

With longer licensing hours, insurance companies may be forced to rephrase their own questions and even draw attention to the dangers of social drinking, especially if it is followed by driving.

Dianne Hayter, director of Alcohol Concern, an independent charity, has in the past pressed companies to encourage drivers not to drink but has never had much success. In September, she intends to try again.

"We are not against drinking," she says, "but we are against drinking and driving and would like to see lower premiums for people who don't drink and drive. We shall be asking insurance companies to draw attention to the danger when they send out their renewal notices."

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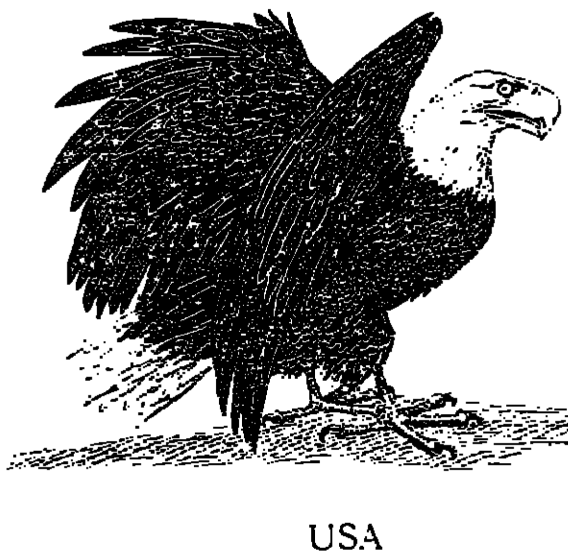
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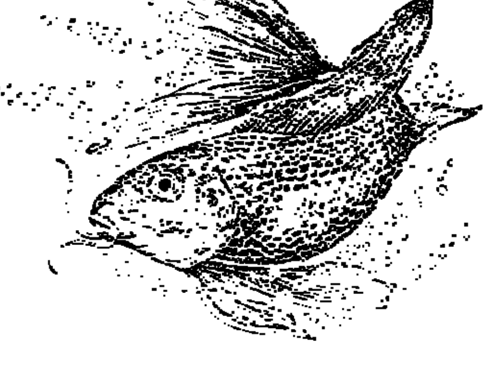
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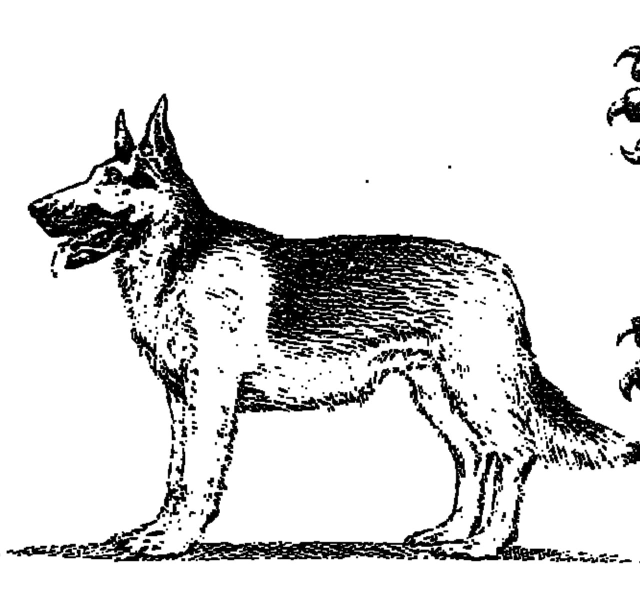
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People owning a country cottage, seaside flat or villa abroad tend to let it during August — the peak holiday season and consequently the month bringing in the highest rental income.

Provided all the necessary criteria connected with owning a second home are adhered to, the canny landlord should expect a profit that covers all annual running costs, including insurance, continuing repairs and his own holidays.

Provided the accounts are sensibly balanced, income tax liability should be negligible. But it is a foolish investor indeed who plans to finance a second mortgage through rental income.

Potential holiday home owners should consider carefully the actual annual outgoings, rather than estate agents' hyperbole, about the place running itself. Standing charges for electricity and gas, rates and water rates, insurance cover for both building and contents, maintenance, repairs and redecoration — not to mention gardening — all add up.

Always employ a reputable company

Employing a managing agent on a property in Spain, Portugal or France now costs an average of 25 per cent of the rental income, and sadly there are rogue companies. The oldest trick in the book is for an unscrupulous agent to inform the hapless landlord, thousands of miles away, that he was able to let the property for only a few weeks of the year when in fact he was pocketing the entire rent.

So always employ a reputable company, preferably one with international connections, such as the appropriate department of a large estate agent, or a personally recommended company.

Check carefully what you get for your money. Most agents supply the linen and clean the property weekly, pay all bills and check the home both when it is empty and when it is let.

In Britain, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors has a set of guidelines for managing agents which should apply to holiday lets. These are not mandatory, however. So, if in doubt, before committing yourself and your property to a particular company, ask your solicitor to check the contract.

The RICS reckons on a 15 per cent management fee and for this the agents should submit bills and collect the rent, deal with all the standard outgoings for landlords and be available to the tenants. The agent, depending on the individual agreement, should oversee maintenance work, inspect the property regularly, deal with repairs and generally, for the 15 per cent, take on the responsibilities of running the property concerned.

People owning a UK holiday home — and nearly 250,000 of them do — are entitled to various tax allowances should they decide to organize their lettings on a business footing.

Since the 1984 Finance Act rental profits are taxed as earned income and, in general, tax relief on the loan interest to finance the purchase can be claimed.

The main stipulations are:

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- ● Lettings must be on a commercial basis — not to family and friends at a nominal rent.
- ● For at least seven months of the year — not necessarily consecutive — no one tenant should stay for more than 31 days at a time.

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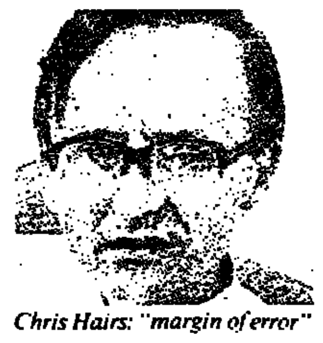
Maths man who fixes your bonus



Chris Hairs: "margin of error"

An actuary coins the following description . . . of an actuary:

"He is a man past middle life, spare, wrinkled, intelligent, cold, passive, noncommittal, with eyes like a codfish, polite in contact but at the same time unresponsive, calm and as damnably composed as a plaster of Paris coat — a human petrification with a heart of feldspar. Happily, they never reproduce and all of them finally go to hell."

All joking apart, if you belong to a company pension scheme how confident are you that the scheme will be able to afford what you are promised? When the insurance company declares a reversionary bonus *on your with-profits life policy*, can you be sure that the company has really made the profit to pay you? Putting a figure on these liabilities is the actuary's responsibility but he has no crystal ball.

"The most common misconception people have of us is that we can see into the future," says 44-year-old Chris Hairs, director and actuary of Legal & General Assurance.

He acknowledges that actuaries can only calculate percentages of risk by looking at past statistics. And how can they decide what real rates of return to assume for assets? A dozen years ago interest rates were below the inflation rate. Today they are well ahead of the cost of living and salaries.

With an insurance policy or pension scheme needing to look 15 or 20 years ahead, how can the actuary divine a long-term trend?

Mr Hairs admits there is an element of herd instinct and actuaries form a consensus view: "If you are going to make assumptions contrary to the accepted wisdom of the time, it's as well to remember first that there are some pretty damned smart guys out there who've formed that view. That's what a learned profession is all about."

Actuaries are, above all else, mathematicians. Mr Hairs graduated with a good mathematics degree (but not a first) from King's College London. He became an actuary "because it was one of the careers available to mathematicians".

'You try to respond to factors such as Aids'

He recalls: "I was halfway through university and realized that time was running out for me as a perpetual student. I hadn't even heard of an actuary up till then but I saw it as applied mathematics — applied in a business sense.

"These days there is the theory but it's really all about the dynamic of one's own business and adapting to changes in the economy and life about you. You're trying to respond more effectively to factors such as Aids — worrying to insurance companies — and inflation."

After university he took a further five years to qualify as an actuary.

Mr Hairs says actuarial work appeals if you enjoy puzzles: "It's first recognizing the problem is there to be solved and then finding a way to describe the puzzle so that it can become soluble."

But what of those bonuses on life policies? "It's a question of how much it's safe to *release from past earnings*," says Mr Hairs. "The way bonuses are released has changed under the pressure of very high inflation we experienced in the 1970s and it is still under pressure because of the quite amazing Stock Exchange gap which has opened up between fixed interest yields and inflation.

"How temporary is it? We don't know. The one thing you can be sure of is that the most likely-looking future won't happen.

"But when you're deciding bonus rates on life policies or advising on a pension fund you can be sure that the client is averse to surprises and most averse to unpleasant surprises. So you build in margins for error."

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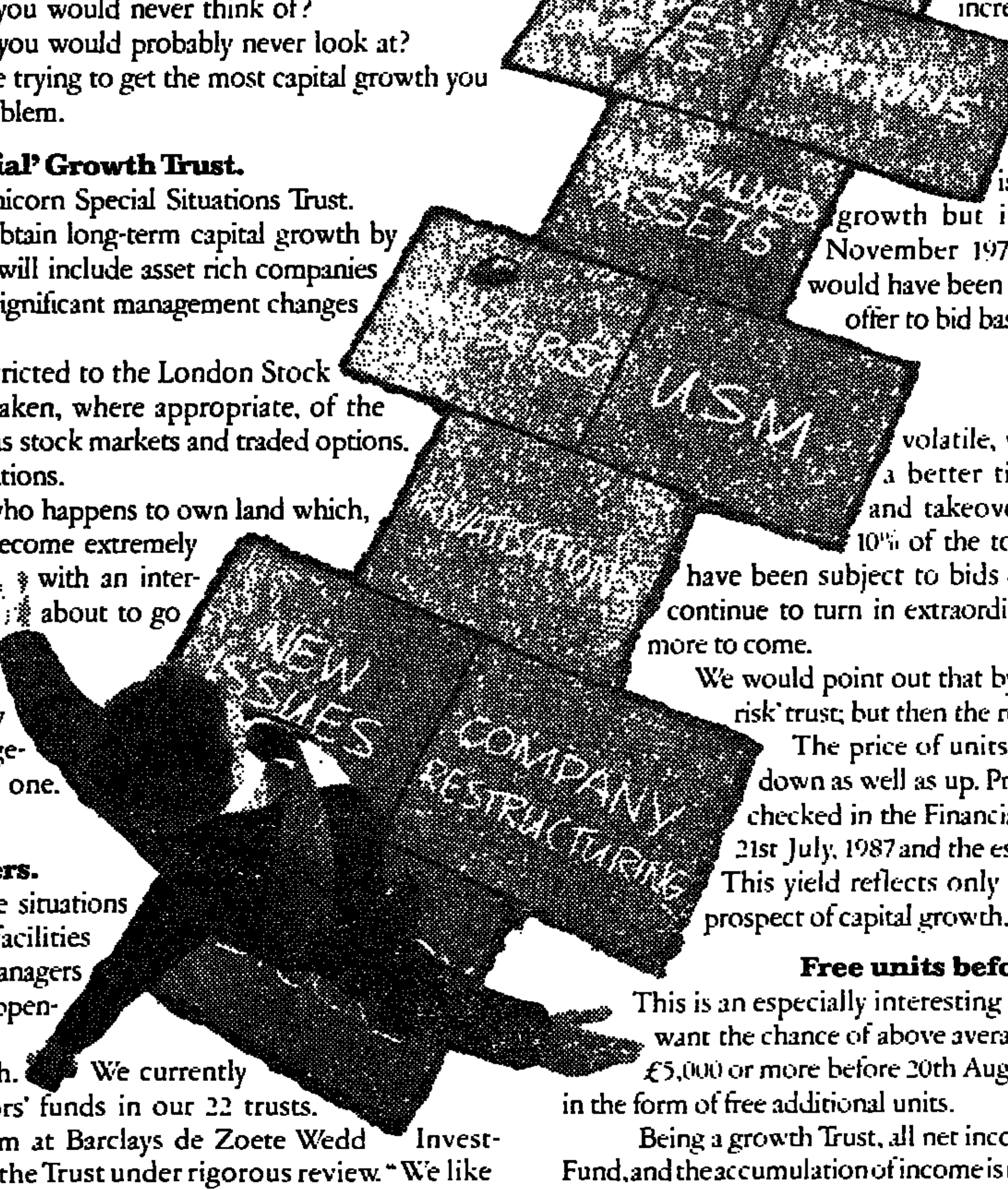

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In recent years the Far East, and especially Japan, has become a favourite area for UK unit trust investors. In this special two-page report, RICHARD NEWELL assesses the outlook for these markets

As your unit trust portfolio develops, you will want to spread into foreign markets. The most attractive area in terms of the potential returns could well be the Far East.

The largest market is Japan, which has produced tremendous profits for investors in recent years. Others such as Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and the Philippines are also yielding great rewards.

Greater prospects of long-term growth

The best-peforming Far Eastern trusts in the past year have been those with the greatest part of their money in these smaller markets. That is not to say that Japan has not done well, just that the others have done better.

The top performer, Waverley Pacific Basin, has grown by 106 per cent in the year to July 1, 1987. The average for the 61 funds with a one-year performance is just under 50 per cent, so clearly there are some unit trust companies that do not have much Far Eastern expertise.

This should be borne in mind when choosing a Far East unit trust. You must make sure that the management group can show consistently above-average performance in this sector. Nothing is worse than investing in a fund whose performance does not reflect the spectacular gains made by its market.

A company with representatives in the Far East seems to have an automatic advantage. Thornton Unit Managers, for example, is advised by a team of specialists in Hong Kong for the benefit of its Far Eastern Opportunities Trust. The trust has invested heavily in Hong Kong, Singapore and the Philippines recently, benefiting from a 25 per cent rise in Hong Kong, 49 per cent in Singapore and 72 per cent in the Philippines during the past six months.

Long-term growth prospects for the Far Eastern stock markets are greater than anywhere else in the world. They are unlikely to be an overnight success, however, and there may be nasty hiccups along the way, but that is a risk you must accept to give yourself a chance of making a fortune.

David Baker, executive director in charge of Sun Life's international funds, says: "It is a high-risk area, more so than the UK or the US, but at the same time it is geared to world growth. If growth in the US is 2 per cent you can expect much greater figures from the Far Eastern countries — not so much from Japan but certainly from the smaller countries."

Mr Baker's favourite market is Hong Kong, which takes up 35 per cent of Sun Life's Far East Growth Fund. Mr Baker says: "Their economy is booming, export figures show substantial growth, tourism is a major growth industry and demand for property is very strong indeed."

Unit trusts specializing in Hong Kong have naturally performed very well in line with the market. Investors with an eye for short-term growth should certainly consider one of the six specialist Hong Kong funds for their portfolio.

Those who have not got a great deal of money to spread around the international markets should choose one of the more general Far East funds.

All eyes on volatile Tokyo

The Japanese stock market continued to rise steeply in the first six months of this year, against all expectations.

After the dramatic rise in the market during 1986, market analysts were saying Tokyo had peaked. But only now is it showing signs of weakness, at a level that is pure fantasy by the standards of the other major world markets.

The Japanese stock market has a mind of its own. Whereas in other countries stock market sentiment tends to reflect economic prospects, this is not the case in Tokyo.

Even though Japan's economic growth has been slowing down for years, it has been boom time for investors. The market has been driven to these high levels by private speculation and the huge amounts of money being handled by the Japanese financial institutions.

Japan has one of the largest stock markets in the world and it is important that any investor with international horizons should consider having Japan unit trusts in his portfolio. The market is still dominated by the large Japanese institutions, which have fought hard to prevent British and American banks obtaining seats on the Tokyo stock exchange.

Investors must be very happy

The big brokers such as Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi effectively control the market-place, handling billions on behalf of institutions and funds of every nationality. At least a quarter of market trading is accounted for by speculation, however. As in the United States, private citizens are not afraid to gamble on stocks and shares.

In the past, unit trusts investing in the region have shown patchy performance. The Japanese stock market has always been more speculative and more volatile than those of the UK and the United States. Unit trust groups have struggled to find managers capable of handling a Japanese portfolio.

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Anyone who had a degree of success at the task was quickly poached by a rival group. In 1986 it became academic because the Japanese market started performing somersaults and suddenly everyone was a winner.

Investors in Japan over one year or more must be very happy with the results. For example, those who invested £1,000 with County Bank's Japan Growth fund a year ago now have an investment worth more than £1,500.

If you had put £1,000 into Fidelity's Japan fund five years ago it would be worth nearly £6,000 today.

And if by chance you happen to have invested in Henderson's Japan fund 10 years ago, your £1,000 would now be £10,000.

If this is not the top of the market, it must surely be pretty close. Most fund managers are a little nervous and will urge caution to anyone thinking of putting vast sums into Japan.

Sarah Arkle, manager of Allied Dunbar's Japan Trust, says the Tokyo stock market is on an average price-earnings ratio of 75 — meaning the average share price is 75 times greater than its earnings per share — which is, she says, impossible to justify by any normal pricing standard.

But this is not any normal market, and fundamental analysis is of little use in assessing whether a particular Japanese share is a good buy or not. And with no conventional indicators to rely on for guidance as to whether the market is going up or down, it is essential to have good local connections.

Some unit trust groups have offices in Tokyo and run the fund from there. Others must rely on London-based managers with a flair for spotting the winners and sending them out to Tokyo occasionally to keep in touch with what is happening locally.

Before the 1986 bonanza, Japanese unit trusts made gains not just on stock selection but through the fluctuations in the yen-sterling exchange rate.

The major factor that will determine whether there is to be any further appreciation in the market is the prospect of a significant shift in exchange rates. Because the yen is so strong, the Japanese institutions have had their fingers burnt in the foreign exchange markets, so they are propping up their own stock market until such time as the yen weakens.

David Baker: switched

Graham Ellis, of Royal London Unit Trust Managers, says: "Our view is that investors should stay with Japan short-term. The major risk is if the dollar has in fact turned and the yen has peaked." The reason he is still positive is that he feels the dollar's revival was just a short-term reaction to the Venice summit.

David Baker, at Sun Life, feels the dollar has stabilized and as a result an improvement is likely in the profitability of Japanese exporters. He

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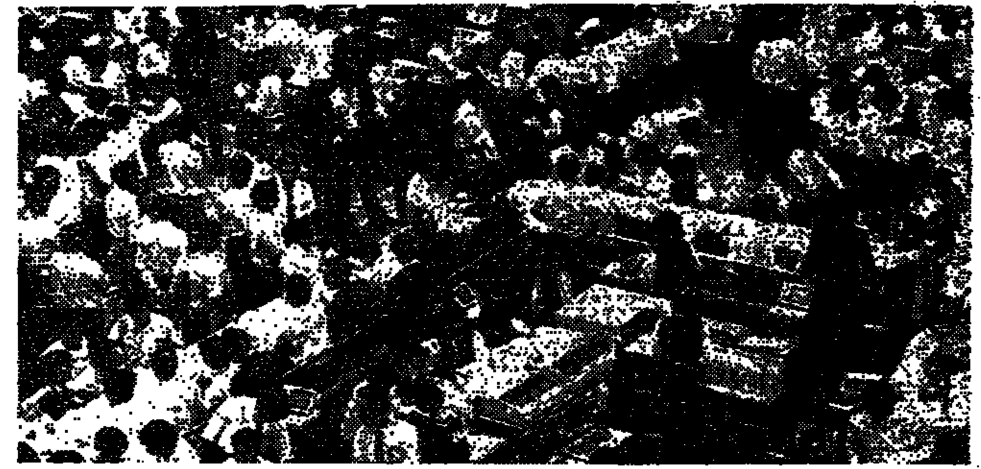
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Speculative but volatile market

FAR EAST GROWTH FUNDS/2

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has switched the emphasis of Sun Life's Far Eastern Growth Trust away from domestic stocks and into blue-chip electrical stocks.

But at the same time he has reduced the fund's exposure in Japan from 50 per cent six months ago to 24 per cent now. Most Far East unit trusts will now be underweight in Japan, placing far more emphasis on Hong Kong and some of the very small markets. Fund managers clearly feel that Japan's current level is not only unjustifiable, but is also unsustainable. At the same time, they all seem to be saying there is so much money about that the market could conceivably go higher.

Confused? Don't worry — so are they.

Howard Flight, of currency fund experts Guinness Flight, paints a rather disturbing picture of a Japanese bubble about to burst. He says: "With neither the US being prepared to substantially cut its budget deficit nor Japan to take powerful measures to open its markets and utilize more of its high savings domestically, it remains difficult to see much alternative to further US protectionism and further appreciation of the yen.

"A Japanese stock market crash must become increasingly likely as a yet higher yen further reduces corporate profits and leads to corporate bankruptcies.

"In this context a gradual rather than sharp further correction of exchange rates is arguably desirable in the interests of preserving an adequate level of international stability."

Sarah Arkle: the ratio

Howard Flight: "desirable"

While it is tempting providence to say that if you did not invest a year ago, you have missed the boat, it is difficult to envisage prices in Tokyo rising much higher from their current levels.

The market peaked last month, but it is too early to tell whether any definite downtrend is occurring. Investors who want some exposure to Japan in their portfolio should invest in one of the more general Far East trusts, so that at least they can move into other markets if Japan does start to fall.

Tigers, tigers, burning bright

The so-called "tiger" markets of the Far East — Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines — have become the latest "next big thing" after the tremendous growth seen in the smaller markets of Europe in the past two or three years.

In swift response to this trend, a number of groups have launched specially designed "tiger" trusts. Thornton's Tiger trust is the most obvious, but there are others such as Henderson's Spirit of the East and Clerical Medical's Dragon Growth, as well as the more general ones such as Gartmore's Emerging Markets trust.

The Thornton Tiger fund has grown by 83 per cent in the past 12 months, while its sister fund, the Far Eastern Opportunities has grown by 70 per cent, indicating the benefits of concentrating on the smaller markets, as the Tiger Trust does.

Such a strategy requires a good deal of local contact and plenty of patience. These are developing countries, and their markets are likely to behave erratically. Some of them, such as the Philippines, are politically sensitive. Others even have a history of corruption.

The recent riots in South Korea will not have helped investors at all, but it is a temporary setback. Although unit trust managers may have reduced their exposure to South Korea for the time being, they will expect to buy back later when they hope the market will have become cheaper anyway.

Taiwan and South Korea seem to be favourites with fund managers for long-term growth. Even though investment possibilities are few, the economic growth potential is so great that foreign investors are willing to pay a hefty premium for a stake.

Jane Hakham: via Papua

Economic growth in South Korea is running at anything from 10 per cent to 15 per cent a year, according to which estimates you believe. Nobody doubts the country's ability to emulate the Japanese economic miracle. Its trade surplus with the United States and the UK is already causing the same sort of concern, although South Korea is not in as strong a position to defend itself from US protectionist measures.

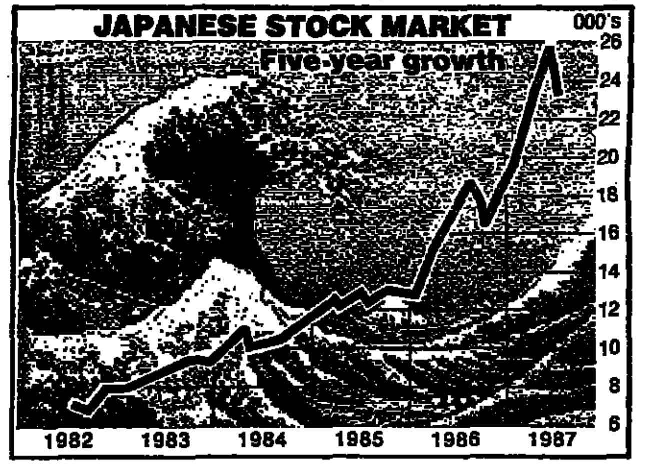
Thailand is not as advanced as South Korea or Taiwan, but fund managers have high hopes for it. It is relatively stable politically, and manages to compete on labour costs in certain industries, but it is still heavily dependent on its agricultural base. Construction seems to be the main new industry in Thailand, supported, naturally, by the Japanese.

It should be stressed that it will probably be three to five years at least, before these "tiger" markets are sufficiently developed to allow the free flow of money and to produce the returns to justify the risk. But with the Japanese market on an average price-earnings ration of 75, South Korea, with an average ratio of six, does not exactly look overvalued.

Short-term is Hong Kong that seems most likely to produce the best growth in share prices and this is reflected in the current portfolio split of trusts concentrating on the Pacific countries.

Gartmore's Capital Strategy fund is also venturing into other relatively uncharted areas such as Papua New Guinea, a country rich with oil and gold, but which does not have its own stock market. So the fund's manager, Jane Hakham, taps into the economy indirectly through Papuan companies quoted on the Australian stock exchange.

Most fund managers in this sector will, in fact, include Australia in their portfolio. Sun Life and Thornton both have 10 per cent of their Far Eastern funds in Australia, for example.



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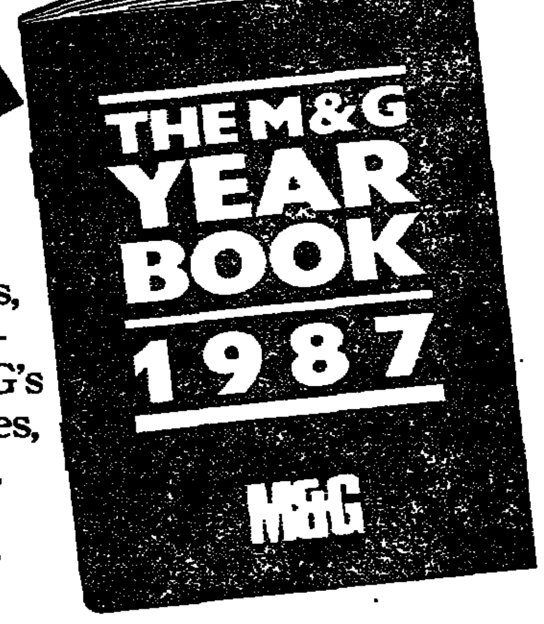

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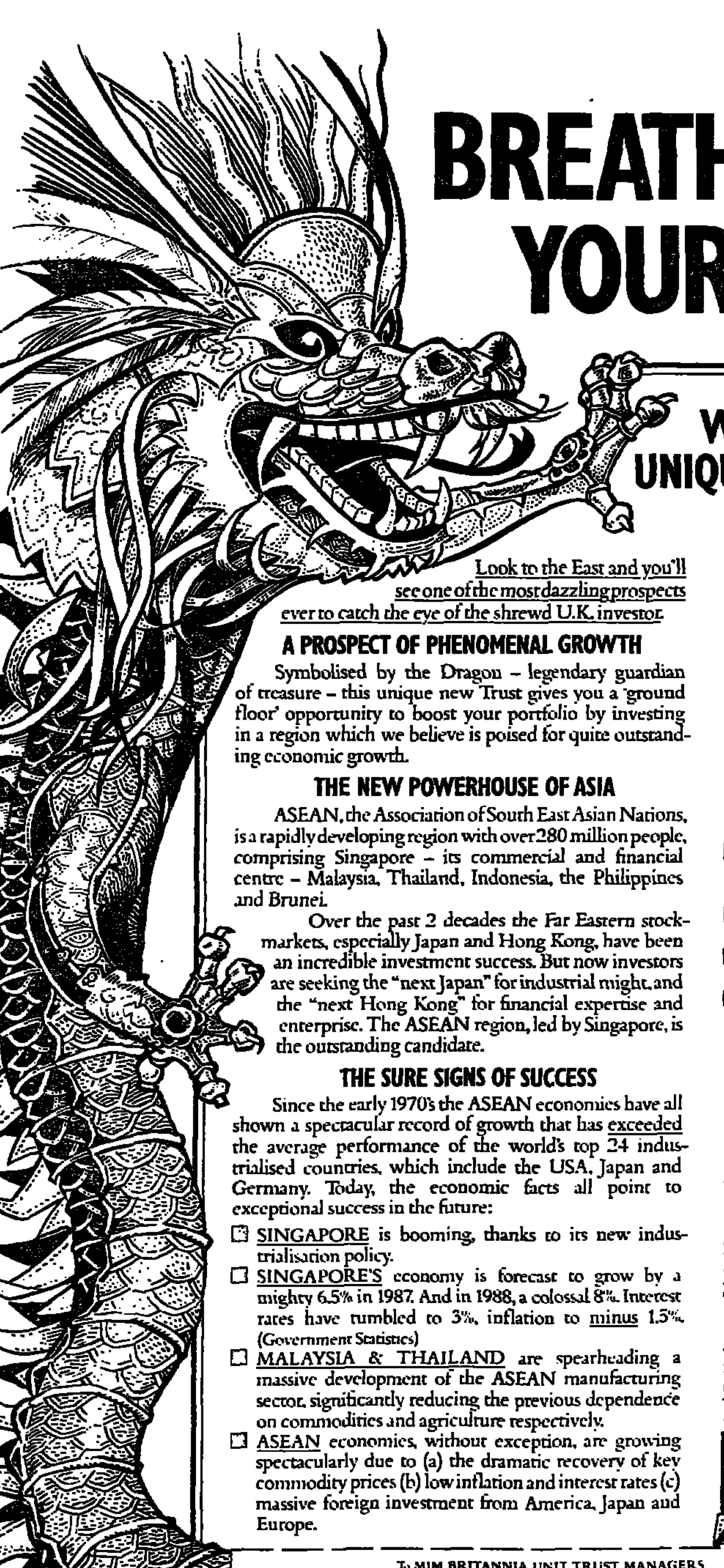

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The Revenue swoops on the phoney deals

COVENANTS

The Inland Revenue has fired a warning shot in the direction of people who are tempted to use deeds of covenant as a means of fraudulently obtaining tax relief, say

DANBY BLOCH and RAYMOND GODFREY

In a new leaflet, *IR74, Deeds of Covenant: Getting It Right For Tax*, the Inland Revenue sets out how a covenant works and what the tax effects are. Then, perhaps ominously, the leaflet warns about the misuse of covenants to evade tax.

In the first part, the leaflet explains how a covenant is a legal document that has to be drawn up properly, binding the person who makes it to pay an amount of money over a period of time to another person. Covenants are often used by parents to give maintenance payments to student children, but they are also used by people for their grandchildren and by people who want to give to charity.

Covenants can lead to good tax savings. For example, if a grandparent makes a covenant of £1,000 a year for seven years to a grandchild, the child can reclaim a £369 rebate from the taxman, presumably with the aid of his or her parents. This is the grossed-up tax at 27 per cent basic rate on the net gift of £1,000; that is £369 is 27 per cent of the gross gift of £1,369.

If the covenant is in favour of a charity, the tax position for the donor is even more attractive because he or she can benefit from higher tax relief as well — and in practice the covenant need be only for a period of four years.

However, the Revenue has found that many covenants have been wrongly drawn up. They have therefore been rejected, which has led to misunderstandings, delays and avoidable difficulties. So the leaflet aims to help prevent these errors and to show how a covenant can achieve the intended results.

The leaflet also looks at the attempts that have been made to use covenants to cheat the Revenue by deliberately claiming tax relief where it is not due.

No doubt plenty of families have been sorely tempted to exploit deeds of covenant in a simple and fairly obvious way.

For example, grandma does not really have the money to make a gift through covenant to her grandchild. It may seem such a waste of a potential tax rebate, that a father slips grandma £1,000 every year which she, in turn, passes down to the grandchild, on whose behalf the parents claim back tax of £369.

Another incident might have John making a deed of covenant in favour of his friend's child in return for an under-the-counter payment and, in some cases, perhaps a reciprocal deed of covenant by the friend in favour of the original covenantor's own child.

Some covenantors make no gifts

In these circumstances, the participants have clearly paid no attention to the certificate of non-reciprocity that the Revenue normally requires to be completed. In effect, it states that the covenanted gift is not being made in return for any other direct or indirect payments.

Another trick frowned on by the taxman is to backdate the deed to get tax relief on an earlier gift that would otherwise not have qualified.

Apparently some covenantors have even dispensed with the tedious necessity of making any gifts at all and have confined themselves to the more gratifying and rewarding task of simply claiming the tax relief.

The Revenue's booklet says some cases have been detected recently and it would probably not take much effort for them to uncover many more. After all, it is a very public form of tax evasion.

In many situations it would be difficult to spot the surreptitious gift, but there are no doubt brazen cases where, for example, impoverished grandparents are making very substantial covenanted gifts or where a *clearly reciprocal* arrangement between two families is in operation.

Nor are the problems associated with deeds of covenant confined to individuals and families.

Some churches have operated a scheme by which individual parishioners have made deeds of covenant in favour of the churches and have then made the actual gifts on a weekly basis by cash offerings into the collection.

Unfortunately, the zeal with which covenants were signed may not have been matched by a similar enthusiasm for giving real money. The end result has been that certain churches may have been receiving rebates from the Revenue greater than their entitlement. The Revenue has tightened up on this.

The leaflet also warns against covenanted payments as a way of paying for goods or services. Some schools may have been tempted to use their charitable status as a way of minimizing the fees for certain parents by suggesting that the parents make deeds of covenant in favour of the establishment.

In effect, this sets up a way for parents to get full tax relief on all or part of their school fees. Sadly, such schemes are not legal.

The leaflet points out the consequences of misusing covenants. Where such cases are detected, the lost taxes are recovered with interest and penalties, if appropriate. The Revenue also warns that serious cases of fraud may lead to prosecution and it takes a particularly severe view where professional advisers are involved.

The enthusiastic questioning and delving by tax offices around the country suggests strongly that the Revenue has started a serious campaign.

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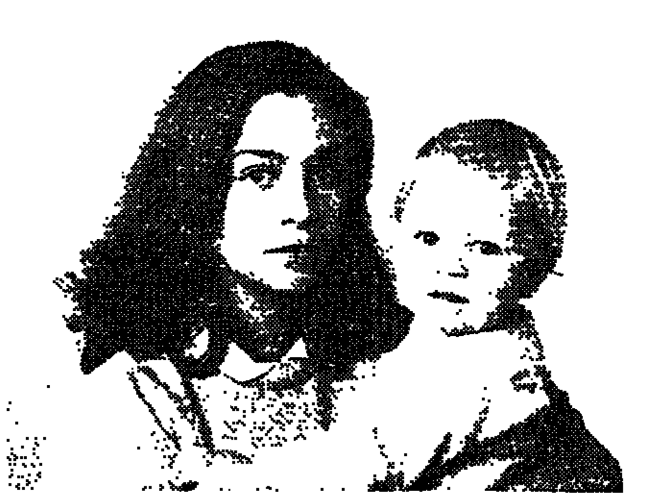
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Five consumer worries

The Association of Investment Trust Companies has expressed concern to the Trade Secretary Lord Young over the Financial Services Act, due to come fully into force next year, *writes Peter Gartland.*

The AITC chairman Tim Abell has told Lord Young that implementation of the Act *should provide a completely* new start for consumer protection and must secure a revolution in attitudes throughout the financial services industry.

But, says Mr Abell, there is a less charitable view — that the Act is being used as a charade to give a smokescreen of *respectability* to certain existing practices that can be justified only on the basis that the individual is under-provided with personal financial investments. Mr Abell also suspects that, as a result of this, as *few* obstacles as possible are being put in the way of the product provider or intermediary salesman.

The AITC says *it is* particularly concerned with five points of the new consumer protection regime. First, it argues that the consumer is in danger of believing, wrongly, that the proposed best advice rules cover the full range of financial products.

Secondly, the AITC questions the term "independent intermediary". It maintains this is accurate only in the *limited sense* that the so-called independent intermediary's advice is not tied to one company's products. The third complaint is that the disclosure of commission by intermediaries should be automatic and should cover all products. It should not be merely at the customer's request.

The AITC is also concerned about the promotion of savings schemes. It believes the rules for promoting such schemes should be the same for approved investment trusts as for unit trusts. Finally, it argues that consumer representation should be increased on the boards of the self-regulating organizations that will form such an *important* part of the financial services industry's new structure.

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Fears over the great AVC rush

Will the much-heralded new freedom for pensions result in a lot of bad selling to the public? MAGGIE DRUMMOND thinks it will

Next year ushers in the new era of personal pensions. From January anyone in the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme (SERPS) will be able to opt for a personal pension. From April those in company pension schemes will be free to make individual arrangements too.

But much sooner 20 million employees will be able to take advantage of what many feel is *the most useful part of the* new pension deal. From this October they will be able to boost retirement prospects by buying free-standing additional voluntary contribution (AVC) contracts that even now insurance companies and other investment parlours are scrambling frantically to prepare. This enables people in an existing pension scheme to top up with an independent investment pot of their own.

In a macho Budget display of enthusiasm for the new pensions regime, the Chancellor Nigel Lawson brought forward the starting date for free-standing AVCs by several months, causing chaos among the institutions.

More important from the consumer's point of view is that this new and complicated opportunity looks as if it will be promoted hard for a mass market months before the safeguards on the selling of investment products contained in the Financial Services Act are enforced. There is even doubt that these provisions will be operational by next January when millions of SERPS contributors will be the main focus of marketing attention.

And how can AVC plans be sold responsibly in October when many customers will not have the full range of pension choices until the following April?

"I think it could lead to an absolutely ghastly situation," says Tony Doggart, of Save & Prosper, a company that is not usually backward when it comes to forwarding the cause of personal pensions. "The *new rules and regulations on* the selling of financial products will not be in force until January 1988 at the earliest.

> 'Pension decisions are crucial, complicated and individual'

"There is going to be a lot of hype about pensions. We know that consumers are particularly naive about pensions. I *think* that the early introduction of AVC plans before the fundamental protection of the Financial Services Act provisions are in place means open season for cowboys. It's an opportunity for a huge amount of mis-selling, which can damage the whole presentation of personal portable pensions to the customer."

At the moment, for instance, there is no statutory cooling-off period for pension products to allow the customer a change of mind. There is a cooling-off period for insurance products. But this safeguard will be extended to pensions only when the Financial Services Act comes into force.

Many insurance companies and unit trust groups swear they already adhere to the best advice and know-your-customer rules that form a part of the new selling regulations designed to make certain that we buy the right product. However, these regulations do not yet have the force of law.

Mr Doggart says: "Pension decisions are crucial, complicated and highly individual. It's baffling enough for an actuary, let alone the man or woman in the street.

"It is terribly important that the customer is put in the best position to make the right choice. Rushing the whole thing on a political initiative before the new selling regulations take effect is just asking for trouble. We believe there is a strong argument for postponement."

According to Paddy Ross, of Framlington, these fears are groundless. "Can an AVC pension contract ever be the wrong thing to do?" he asks.

It is an attractive proposition — not just to the 10 million employees in SERPS but also to an equal number in occupational pension schemes, many of whom will want to stay put, with an AVC plan on the side.

Its chief attraction as a long-term savings vehicle is the full tax *relief* obtained on all pension fund contributions up to 15 per cent of salary, a tax break only rarely used to the full in a company scheme.

According to Mr Doggart, it *can* be the wrong thing to do. The most obvious example is the possibility of being over-pensioned if total benefits breach the Inland Revenue rule of two-thirds of final salary. Then the AVC investor has merely subsidized his company scheme because *those benefits will be reduced* to bring the total within the two-thirds limit — no wonder there is a strong lobby to persuade the Government to rethink what may prove to be unworkable benefit rules in the new pensions era.

> 'We would rather not sell anything if this leads to mistakes'

Malcolm Reid, chief executive of LAUTRO, the governing body for the life assurance and unit trust industries, believes there is little risk that his organization's members will sell pension products irresponsibly.

Mr Reid's opposite number at FIMBRA, whose members are brokers and other intermediaries, says: "The point raised about the early introduction of AVC plans is a valid one, which frankly we haven't thought about."

Colin Hawtin, in charge of marketing at Save & Prosper, says the piecemeal introduction of the new pensions regime will inevitably lead to bad selling in the autumn because customers will not see the full range of options until next spring.

He says: "An investor who *buys an AVC plan in October* because that is what we want to sell him at the time may well find that, come April, he or she wants out of the company scheme into a full-blown personal pension. .

"Frankly, we would rather not sell anything this autumn if it is going to lead to these kind of mistakes."

New rules to shake up the funds

The unit trust industry is in for a big shake-up following a wide-ranging government review of the industry.

Draft regulations published yesterday by the Department of Trade put forward the idea of money market unit trusts. These are seen as funds that would place cash on deposit with banks and building societies as well as investing in gilts and bills of exchange.

The department's draft regulations also widen the scope of funds of funds. These are funds that came into being in 1985 to enable investment in at least four other unit trusts run by the same manager. It is now proposed that in future such funds will be able to invest in any authorized unit trust, rather than only in trusts managed by the same company.

The department's regulations also cover a number of technical matters such as the range of permitted investments, the amount of fund money that can be placed in any one shareholding and the maximum that can be invested in any one company.

Most of the technical matters are to bring UK unit trusts into line with European practice as part of a Community directive that has to be implemented by 1989.

Further regulations from the department are expected later this summer and these will cover the possibility of other new types of unit trust that may invest in property and commodities futures and options.

The draft regulations are published against a background of a booming unit trust market. Some parts of the industry are experiencing administrative problems but the overall picture is one of growth and development.

Earlier this week Bill Stuttaford, chairman of the Unit Trust Association, said funds under management in June had risen by £2.9 billion, the biggest single rise ever in one month, to a new high of £44.2 billion. Net new investment also reached a new peak of £791 million in June and this was £100 million higher than the previous record set in January 1987.

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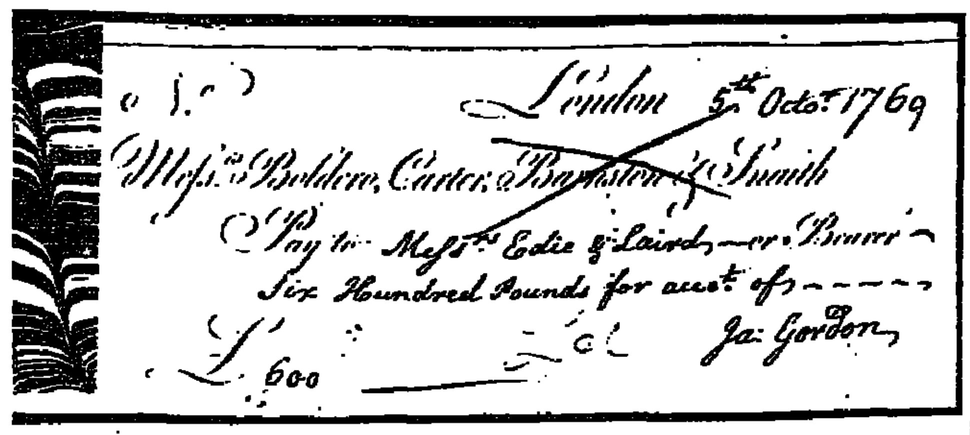
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COLLECTING

Antiquarians gather in Norwich today for an unusual auction.

More than 200 old cheques are being offered at James' auction this afternoon, the two *most* eye-catching being an 1842 cheque printed for Messrs Currie & Co's bank at 29 Cornhill, and a book of 50 used cheques drawn on the London & Westminster Bank, Lothbury, all between 1876 and 1881.

If this suggests the sort of prices that make you reach for your cheque book, prepare to be pleasantly surprised; they are, in fact, expected to fetch £8 and £6 respectively, the lowest of any lot.

An estimated £25 should be achieved by a modern book of National Westminster special cheque specimens.

'A good time to get involved'

This corner of the market in financial ephemera is not only young and of modest appeal, but it has not been spoiled for the dedicated amateur by dealers, institutional investors or American collectors who are busy enough accruing their own examples, some colourfully adorned with naked ladies and stage-coaches.

Cheque-collecting assumed significance back in the late 1960s, enjoyed a speculative boom in the 1970s and has now started to develop again, spurred by the spread of paperless banking.

"It's a good time to become involved. The market has got to grow," says dealer-publisher Michael Veissid, who is chairman of the 70-member British Cheque Collectors Society. "Anyone considering it as an investment, however, should think in terms of 10 years at least."

An embryo brawl about the merits of blank cheque forms versus drawn cheques has been defused. Both are equally collectable. Beyond that, the demand trend is a matter of opinion.

One might think payment orders *issued during bank* strikes — such as those scribbled on cigarette packets and pages torn from school exercise books in the Irish Republic stoppage of 1966 — would automatically have some rarity value. Not so far. They are regarded as being gimmicks with as little value as the cheque forgeries that "*leak*" from banks and private estates.

Considerable interest now focuses on early 19th-century material, especially relating to partnership banks.

Also worthwhile are items from around 1717, when printed cheques were introduced, and handwritten cheques from the 18th century and earlier.

These can gain sale prices of between £100 and £250, depending on various factors including condition, the bank concerned, the drawer's identity and technical minutiae such as revenue stamps, watermarks, security underprints and printers' imprints.

Charles Dickens is still lionized not simply as a "famous name" but because wrote numerous cheques for small sums, apparently hoping payees would not present them.

Cheques drawn on Gurney's have appeal because this East Anglian bank, since incorporated into Barclays, was immortalized in Gilbert & Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* — "rich as Gurney's rhymed neatly with attorneys".

Some specialize in branch cheques

County, Scottish and Irish banks are popular among local collectors and students of banking, who also include specialists in branch cheques.

Yet despite the previous existence of 1,300 private and joint stock banks, certain material can be almost as scarce as that of the Lombardi *banco* system, from which Britain's modern services derived.

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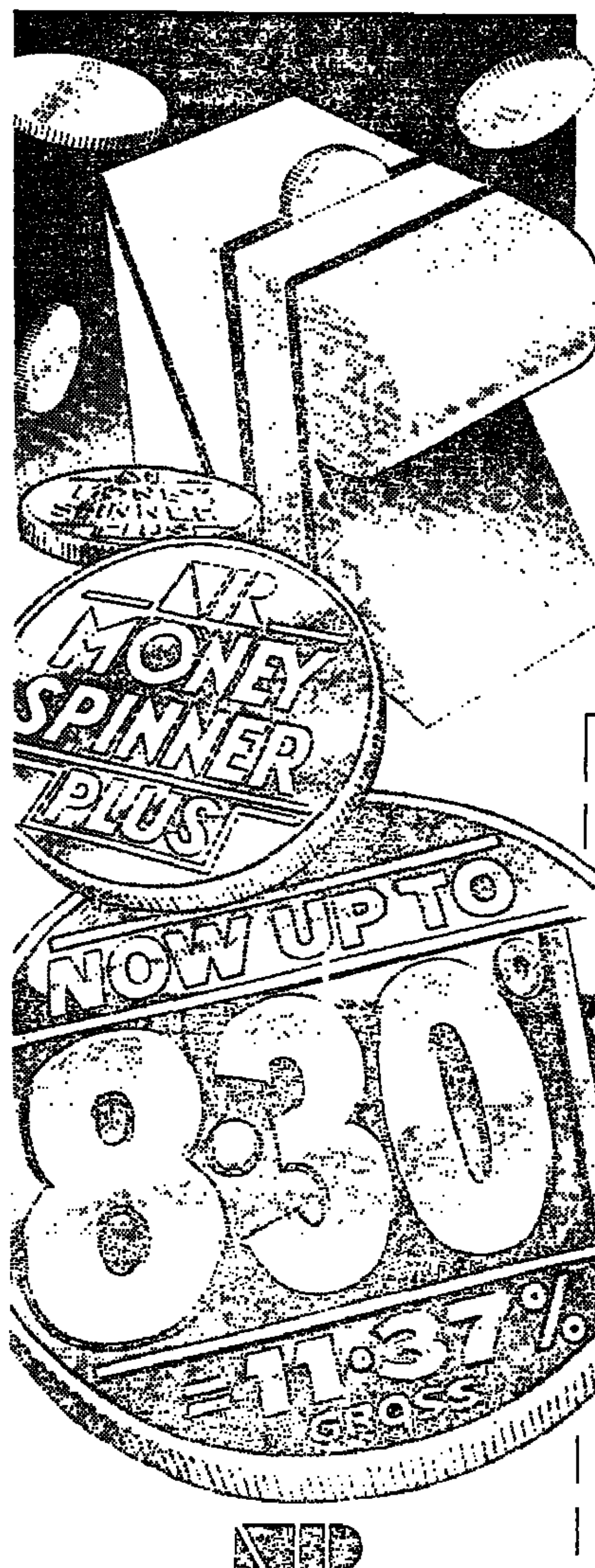

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Wright ban on newspapers restored

Attorney General v The Observer Ltd and Others
Attorney General v Guardian Newspapers Ltd and Others
Attorney General v Times Newspapers Ltd and Others

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment July 24]

Although copies of Mr Peter Wright's book, *Spycatcher*, had come into this country following its publication in the United States in breach of a duty of confidentiality owed by Mr Wright as a former officer of the British security service, an injunction to restrain further dissemination of his allegations would not be futile but would prevent knowledge of them from becoming much more widespread than it was.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the Attorney General against a decision of Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, (*The Times* July 23) whereby he discharged interlocutory injunctions against *The Guardian* and *The Observer* and refused to continue an interlocutory injunction against *The Sunday Times*.

An order was made varying the original injunctions sought by the Attorney General to allow publication of a general summary of Mr Wright's allegations. The modified injunctions were suspended pending an appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr John Mummery and Mr Philip Havers for the Attorney General; Mr Desmond Browne for *The Guardian*; Mr Stephen Nathan for *The Observer*; Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr David Pannick for *The Sunday Times*.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that *The Guardian* and *The Observer* applied to discharge injunctions as granted against them by Mr Justice Millett and varied by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* July 26, 1986). In each case, the Government, suing through the Attorney General, sought to maintain the injunctions.

The injunctions had been in force since July 1986 and their background was now well known from, for example, the Court of Appeal's judgment in *Attorney General v Newspaper Publishing Co plc (The Times* July 18).

The matters relied on by the applicants were that the trial of the Government's action against Mr Wright in Australia had received wide publicity here; the decision of Mr Justice Powell in Australia that the Government was not entitled to an injunction; publication by *The Independent* in April 1987 of a summary of the Wright book; publication of Wright material in *The Sunday Times*; the publication of the book in the United States; the failure of the Government to ban the *importation* of the book into this country.

The primary proceedings in the matter were actions by the Government against *The Observer* and *The Guardian* for a permanent injunction. No date had been fixed for trial.

The purpose of the interlocutory injunctions, from the Government's point of view, was to limit the damage caused by publication of the Wright material.

Although the Australian courts were in a position to determine the rights of the parties in the Australian action, that did not dispense with the need to carry on the English proceedings, since the Australian courts were applying Australian, not English law.

The basis of the Vice-Chancellor's decision was that there had been a material change in circumstances since the injunctions were granted and in the changed circumstances the injunctions were not maintainable. His Lordship asked if the Vice-Chancellor was right.

While recognizing that the Government had an arguable case against *The Observer* and *The Guardian* and that damages would not be an adequate remedy in the circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor concluded that the justice of the case did not require continuation of the injunctions.

Before him nobody considered the option of modifying the injunctions: it was an "all or nothing" situation, and in that way the Vice-Chancellor fell into error.

He said in his judgment: "The revelation of secrets of a security agent, it seems to me, are highly important and highly undesirable. I therefore think it is most regrettable, if it proves to be the case, that there is no way in which the court can preserve that confidentiality.

"On the other hand, it seems to me idle to shut one's eyes to the realities of the position. The book has been published. Its contents are known in this country. They are available to whoever wants to buy them . . .

"Since the full text of *Spycatcher* is now available in this country to anyone with the money to get it, the large part of the purpose of the Attorney General's proceedings in this case has now been defeated. I echo the words in the contempt proceedings in the Court of Appeal — the purpose has been destroyed . . .

"If the press is precluded from saying things that other people are not precluded from, that seems to be not a freedom of the press but an additional fetter on it . . .

"Finally, I have borne in mind, rightly or wrongly, one further factor of the public interest. I think the public interest requires that we have a legal system and courts which command public respect. It is frequently said that the law is an ass and I, of course, do not agree.

"There is a limit to what can be achieved by orders of the court, and if the courts were to make orders manifestly incapable of achieving their avowed purpose, such as to prevent the dissemination of information which is already disseminated, the law would to my mind indeed by an ass."

The appeal was against the exercise of judicial discretion. The Court of Appeal's function, therefore, was one of review: see *Hadmor Productions Ltd v Hamilton* ([1983] 1 AC 191).

So their Lordships would interfere with the Vice-Chancellor's decison only if he went wrong in principle or took into account immaterial factors or disregarded material factors.

For the Attorney General, it was submitted that there was a fundamental internal inconsistency in the Vice-Chancellor's decision, in that while he held that the Attorney General had an arguable case for injunctions against the newspapers, he also held that the court would not give any protection of the Attorney General's right.

It was said that the Vice-Chancellor had been swayed by his personal doubts that the Attorney General's case was well founded.

It was also contended for the Attorney General that the Vice-Chancellor's decision rendered any future injunction that the Attorney General might obtain an empty gesture because the material would have been published in the meantime.

In saying that it would be futile to grant an injunction, the Vice-Chancellor erred in the exercise of his discretion and the Court of Appeal would therefore substitute its own decision for that of the Vice-Chancellor.

Any information acquired by Mr Wright as a servant of the security service was impressed *with the seal of confidentiality* and he was not entitled to place that information in the public domain.

Where national security was concerned, the confidant could not be permitted to breach his duty.

Although some of the information which the Attorney General sought to protect had become public knowledge, it was not right to say that the information was now in the public domain, as the newspapers contended.

Only what had been said in the Australian courts and in Parliament about the matter could rightly be said to be in the public domain.

The publications by Mr Wright and derived from him were tainted by his breach of duty of confidentiality and the Government's claim to confidence in respect of them had not been dented by the events since July 1986.

The court did not make empty gestures. But to restrain publication would prevent Mr Wright from profiting from his wrongdoing, help the government in restoring the confidence of friendly governments in the British security service and *restore the morale of the service.*

In the circumstances, by modifying the original injunctions, the newspapers would be restrained: "In the course of business, publishing or causing or permitting to be published to any person the whole of or any extracts of excerpts from the text of the book, *Spycatcher*, purported to be written by Peter Wright and the whole of or any extracts or excerpts from any statement, whether written or oral, by or purported to be written by Peter Wright of the British security service or its activities, or any other security service or its activities".

The purpose which their Lordships sought to achieve was to enable the media to report on Wright material as legitimate news but not to act as his publisher or publicist.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON, agreeing, said that if choice had been to discharge the injunction or to maintain it, he would regrettably have upheld the Vice-Chancellor's decision.

The court's task was to protect the right of a litigant until trial. It would be wrong not to grant the modified injunction.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, also agreeing, said that the purpose of the Attorney General's action was to prevent the perpetuation of a breach of duty of confidence by the perpetuation of the dissemination of *Spycatcher*.

The law and the court had a duty *to continue to deter* the commercial dissemination of the book, however difficult that might be.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Lovell White & King; Turner Kenneth Brown; Theodore Goddard

Covenants can be validated by statute

Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund v London Residuary Body

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment July 17]

Restrictive covenants that would be unenforceable under the general law against the covenantor's successor in title could be validated by statute where the conveyance and the covenants contained therein were made pursuant to powers contained in the statute and it must have been the intention of Parliament that the terms and conditions subject to which the conveyance was made should endure for a period longer than that during which the land was held by the original covenantor.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division dismissing the summons of the Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund which had sought against the London Residuary Body a declaration pursuant to section 84(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925 that (a) the restrictive covenants, (b) the right of pre-emption and (c) the option to re-purchase in the event of breach of the covenants contained in a conveyance dated February 9, 1882 were unenforceable.

Mr Peter Langan, QC and Mr John Jopling for the plaintiffs; Mr Terence Cullen, QC and Mr John Boggis for the defendants.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the plaintiff charity wished to develop a valuable site it owned in Covent Garden. The charity's predecessor in title, former governors of the charity, had acquired the site by a conveyance dated February 9, 1882 from the Metropolitan Board of Works, the London Residuary Body's predecessor in title.

The 1882 conveyance had been made under powers contained in the Artisans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act 1875. That Act was designed to deal with areas in inner cities that were constructed in such a way as to constitute a danger to public health, and was in fact a precursor to the slum clearance Acts.

Under the 1875 Act the local authority made a scheme for the improvement of slum areas, setting out what lands were to be compulsorily acquired and what measures were to be taken for the carrying into execution of the scheme.

Section 9 envisaged that the local authority need not itself carry out the works but could "sell or let all or any part of the area to which such scheme relates to any purchasers or lessees for the purposes and under the condition that such purchasers or lessees will, as respects the land so purchased or leased to them, carry the scheme into execution: and in particular they may insert in any grant or lease of any part of the area provisions binding the grantee or lessee to build thereon as in the grant or lease prescribed, and to maintain and repair the buildings, and prohibiting the division of buildings, and any addition to or alteration of the character of buildings without the consent of the local authority, and for the re-vesting of the land in the local authority, or their re-entry thereon, on breach of any provision in the grant or lease."

The Peabody Charity was one of the bodies of trustees selected by the local authority for the carrying out of the slum clearance scheme.

The 1882 conveyance was accordingly made subject to extremely lengthy covenants which fell into three categories: (a) simple restrictive covenants restraining the governors from building on the land; (b) covenants restricting the governors and their successors in title from selling the land to anyone without the consent of the board and conferring a right of pre-emption on the board; and (c) an option for the board to re-purchase *in* the event of the breach of any of the covenants.

It was common ground that under the general law the covenants in the conveyance were unenforceable.

The restrictive covenants had always been unenforceable against anyone except the original purchaser because the original vendor, the board, retained *no neighbouring* land for the benefit of which the covenants were taken so the burden of the covenant could not run with the land; see *LCC v Allen* ([1914] 3 KB 642).

The right of pre-emption was also unenforceable both under *Pritchard v Briggs* ([1980] Ch 338) and for infringing the rule against perpetuity.

The option to re-purchase was also void: for if the covenants were void, the option went with them, and in any event was void for perpetuity.

The difference between the parties was that whereas the plaintiff said that the unenforceability of the covenants under the general law was fatal, the defendant said that although the covenants failed under the general law they *were validated by section 9 of* the 1875 Act.

There was no doubt that transactions that would otherwise be void could be validated by statute: see *London and Western Railway v Gomm* ((1882) 20 ChD 562). But on the other hand there was *LCC v Allen*. The present case fell somewhere between the two extremes.

In his Lordship's judgment, the fact that it was impossible under the general law to make the covenants enforceable against anyone except the original covenantor suggested that the intention of Parliament was to preserve conditions that were not confined to those enforceable under the general law.

His Lordship was persuaded to that view by the scheme of the 1875 Act which was the clearing up of an area; that the conveyance was made for the purpose of carrying out the scheme which could only be done if the terms and condition of section 9 were complied with. It was contrary to the spirit and intention of the Act that those terms and conditions as between an ordinary vendor and purchaser would not in the long term be binding.

Therefore in the present case the conditions imposed in the 1882 conveyance in pursuance of the 1875 Act were valid and enforceable against the original covenantor's successors in title even though they would not be under the general law.

Solicitors: Hyde Mahon & Bridges Sawtell; Mr R. A. Lanham.

Wardship suggestion for resolving child cases

Regina v Newham London Borough, Council, Ex parte McL

Before Mr Justice Latey

[Judgment July 17]

The process and remedy of judicial review did not meet the need of parents wishing to complain about the decisions of a local authority concerning children and it would be of real help if on an application for leave to apply for judicial review in such circumstances, the judge deciding to grant leave should add a recommendation that wardship proceedings be instituted where it was thought proper.

Mr Justice Latey, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated on dismissing an application for judicial review brought by the grandmother on the local authority undertaking to institute wardship proceedings.

Miss Ann Wallace for the grandmother; Mr Stephen Bellamy for the local authority.

MR JUSTICE LATEY said that a girl aged five was in the care of a local authority and had been placed in the actual care of the grandmother. She had been removed from her grandmother's care by the social services department and placed with foster parents.

The grandmother had been granted leave to apply for judicial review and the application came on for hearing on July 9. After reading the written evidence and hearing some of the submissions, his Lordship adjourned the hearing so that consideration could be given to whether the matter should be fully investigated on its merits within the wardship jurisdiction.

It had been agreed that the court would exercise the wardship jurisdiction and directions had been given with a view to a speedy hearing.

Once a child was in the care of a local authority, although the wardship jurisdiction was not excluded, unless there was no objection, it was a wrongful exercise of discretion to allow the jurisdiction to be invoked.

However, parents and others who wished to complain about the decisions of a local authority did have the right to have recourse to the process and *remedy of judicial* review. As that was the only course open to parents and others, recourse to judicial review was increasing rapidly.

The process of judicial review did not meet the needs of parents. The *Wednesbury* ([1948] 1 KB 223) principles were too restrictive and inappropriate for the review of *cases of children* in care.

The House of Lords had said that judicial review was available: see *A v Liverpool City Council* ([1982] AC 363).

The questions were whether different principles could and should be formulated for the cases of children in care and if they should, what should they be? Both questions called for full argument and consideration in a suitable case.

If an application for judicial review was successful the court could quash the decision and direct the local authority to consider the matter afresh. That was not enough for decisions relating to children and their future upbringing.

In his Lordship's opinion, there would have to be primary legislation and for the court to be empowered to grant leave in a proper case for wardship proceedings to be instituted.

The problem was an increasing one.

It had to be borne in mind that while a local authority was entitled to object to the exercise of the *wardship jurisdiction*, it was not obliged to do so. Very often a local authority did not object. It seemed to his Lordship that there were two possible amelioratives available.

First, there should be a willingness on the part of social services departments to accept wardship proceedings in a proper case.

Second, it seemed that local authorities found themselves in difficulty to know what to do on an application for judicial review. It would be of real help on an application for leave to apply for judicial review of a decision relating to children, that, on granting leave, the judge should, if thought proper and, where appropriate, after hearing the local authority, add a recommendation that wardship proceedings be instituted.

That recommendation would not be binding but as it came from an independent source outside the arena after consideration of the papers, such a recommendation would assist the local authority in its quandary.

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The reluctant scrutineers

Edward Fennell jostles for a place among the haves and have-nots at the annual meeting of the august Law Society

It was the week for *glasnost* at the Law Society. Braced by the Coopers and Lybrand report on the Society's Machinery of Government and the arrival of John Hayes as the new secretary-general, it was decided to throw caution to the winds and expose, for the first time, Thursday's annual general meeting to the critical scrutiny of the visiting media.

As you would guess, no journalist worth his salt was absent and the three of us jostled excitedly for seats in the specially designated press area while solicitors from all over England and Wales foregathered for the historic occasion at the Law Society's Hall.

No one, I think, was without a sense of awe at the significance of the event and I must admit that one of my colleagues was so overcome that she had to withdraw long before we reached the highlight of the afternoon — the report on this year's elections.

As with other closed societies, we visiting democrats were interested to judge the speed of reform of the Law Society by the way in which the elections were conducted. Unfortunately the society still has a long way to go. In the best Eastern European traditions, all but one election was uncontested. Presumably there was a slate of "official" candidates and it would be a brave party member who would stand against them.

Considerable interest focused therefore on the one seat which was fought over. This, significantly, was in the City of London as if only that hotbed of freethinkers and freebooters was bold enough to test the new freedoms to the limit.

Clearly, though, not everyone wants to be associated with real democracy at such an early stage in the social experiment, and when it came to finding scrutineers for the city's election, the Law Society's officials encountered real difficulties.

Of the first panel of five scrutineers, three decided it prudent to be unavailable to fulfill their democratic functions. A further panel was appointed and this time two scrutineers regarded absence to be the better part of valour. Even so Law Society rules take account of what might be regarded as "minimum observance" and with three as a quorum the count went ahead.

Not surprisingly, the lawyers' inexperience in the basic mechanics of democracy was soon exposed. Of just over 1000 votes cast, as many as 34 were rejected by the scrutineers. Translated into terms of a typical Westminster seat, that would be the equivalent of discounting 2000 ballot papers — a decision which would, no doubt, produce instant demands for an inquiry.

Allowance must be made, nonetheless, for the fact that many of these first-time voters would have been confused and intimidated by the experience of direct election of their representatives, and this showed up, in due course, in the scrutineer's report.

Of the 34 rejected votes, 14 were late in arriving, nine were unsigned (after all, you wouldn't want to be identified if you voted for the "wrong" candidates.) and five, apparently, were refuseniks whose addresses were not known to the authorities. Two had decided that you can't have too much of a good thing and voted for both candidates. Another two meanwhile had opted for caution and had not voted at all. And finally a couple of dissidents had abused the opportuntiy by spoiling their papers in particularly disgusting ways.

Anyway, at the end of it all, Mr Jefferson, who appeared to take the precaution of being absent, was pronounced the winner to the carefully orchestrated applause of the meeting.

There followed a call to adopt the annual report and again it was interesting to observe the subtle techniques to engineer Law Society members towards open voting.

Aide mémoire disguised as a heraldic shield

For most of us, putting up our hands to indicate support for the motion is a technique we absorb at an early age. Law Society members are not so fortunate, and therefore a neat little *aide mémoire* was provided in the East Window at the front of the hall. Disguised as the heraldic shield of Sir John Maynard, Serjeant at Law, there was an easy learn graphic representation of hands shooting up to register a Yes vote.

Described as "Three sinister hands couped at the Wrist," the Maynard coat of arms left no one unclear about what was required when the vote was taken.

Once the formal business was over, the meeting proceeded to the even more exciting question and answer session. Here, I think, lay the real fascination of the afternoon as some of the much rumoured splits within the body of the Law Society were laid bare for the first time.

At the centre of the discussions was Ivan Geffen of Geffens, solicitors in Walsall. Apparently Mr Geffen for some years has made it his practice to use the AGM to hammer away his criticisms of the establishment. The convention, as you might expect from lawyers, hears out his ritual harangue in unsympathetic and impatient silence and then passes on to next business without comment. For those of us who were getting a dose of Mr Geffen for the first time, however, there was much interest.

Mr Geffen represents a world of law which is far removed from the Slaughter and Mays, the Clifford Chances and the Linklaters and Paines. Mr Geffen runs a High Street practice in a low rent area. His clients come to him because they are poor and are dependent on legal aid for access to justice.

Mr Geffen is conscious that the service that his clients receive is of a different order to that available in the City or in Mayfair. And he is always aware that his own earnings via the legal aid system leave him in a different league from sleek London lawyers.

As he described painful meetings with his accountant and the cold shoulder he gets from the bank, one sensed that those who were doing rather well out of the present system had drifted off in their imaginations to contemplate an evening at the opera and dinner at the Savoy, rather than pondering too deeply on what it is like to scrape by on fees from legal aid in Townend Square, Walsall.

Mr Geffen'a advice however is not knowing when to stop. As he made his way through his catalogue of complaints, his scatter-gun approach meant that no single target was effectively despatched.

The inadequacy of lawyers' education and training, the extent taken up in supervizing articled clerks, payment on account of legal aid fees as well as the inadequate level of those fees...by the time Mr Geffen referred for the third time to "my accountant and I" even the sympathetic minority were thinking longingly about their tea.

His accusation that "the market is rigged against me, small firms like mine are in danger of dying because we cannot afford to employ staff," was full of pathos and probably true, but the ears of the audience were by now closed.

Mr Geffen sat down but the meeting was not quite dead.

What about the move from open market insurance to self-indemnity by the profession, asked one member, the increased costs of this and the dangers of escalating claims against lawyers by clients?The president was reassuring. Nothing to worry about so far, he said. But with the new scheme starting on September 1, it might contain more surprises than anyone can guess.

So that was that. Apart from the outgoing president Sir John Wickerson announcing how nice it felt to be free of office, nothing was left to say. The members departed. Most of them, by the looks of things, to offices in London and the Home Counties, leaving Mr Geffen to make his solitory journey back to Walsall.

The two worlds had met, but for another 12 months, thank heavens, they need meet no more.

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Class II (Div 1): R S Bahra: S J Bocking. S L Bradley: P Bradshaw. C J Bright: J M Burrage: P J Butson: R M Buxton: S G Chandler: P D Child: K Y E *Chung: T L Crook: R J Dodd:* F C Duncan. B C Hancock: S J Harden: B A Hoehnke. A Howard: T T Legge: I K Mok: C E Newman: W S Ng: G E Parsons: S P Patel: S M Pye: A C Ralli. A J Robinson. S A Sherwood: P Stead. A M Turk: J W Verheul: C Ward. S H Wilson.

Class II (Div 2): J D Barthram: L A Baverstock: S R Carpenter: D L Chanlin. E Coomes: C P Costello: C S Daniels: D R Harris: M S Hodson: M A Ismail. N A Kempner: J Lunn: H R McKendrick. C L Sharp: C A Smith: R A Stratton: J Wingfield.

Class III: A B Vadher.

Unclassified: H F Ho.

B Sc

Pharmacology

Class I: A P Hollander.

Class II (Div 1): S A Brandt: C A Herbert: E J Kidd: M E Phillips: N B Pike.

Class II (Div 2): N J Benton: A Malyon: D E Packer. K Sharman.

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Class I: L M Davies. T Miles: T J Reid.

Class II (Div 1): P A D M A Dale: A Hayes. R Hull: S J Firby: S Lynch: I R Marchant: S C J Parker. K D Ridley: P T Wilton

Class II (Div 2): H D Cooper: A W C Davis. J Freestone. D K Hardie. Brown: M W Holbourn. C R A Leigh: P J Ranner: P Rich. J R Swane: P T Willett

Class III: D J King: R Peters. P D Sear.

Unclassified: B P Baker.

Physics

Class II (Div 1): S Ginn.

Physics with Physical Electronics

Class I: C V Summut: J A Wells.

Class II (Div 1): C R Carter. D M Gillespie. K Lamacraft: J R Maguire. S C Scott. A J Skinner. A P Strong

Class II (Div 2): P G Dove: C M Iles. J D Pelling. A J Whittaker: M A Wiles

Class III: C M Harris: P B Laws: K H Sheikh

Unclassified: I D Stuart.

Physics with Geophysics

Class II (Div 1): A J Burn. T Hartley. A R O'Donovan: R M Wyatt

Class II (Div 2): S P Anderson. C P Hawken. E A H Prince. A B Walker.

BA

European Studies

Class I: E C C *Callcut.* M F Knights. B R Taylor. D C Tomlinson

Class II (Div 1): C A Baptie: C Bartle: P G Beaumont. C L Boggis: J H M Boyd. J D Burgess: R C Campbell. S G Carrick. A R Chapman. L J Collingwood: J David. K C Davis. E S Dawson: M T Driver. G Fletton. D E Floyd. N L Gaudet: M A Gill. H F Goodenough: D J Hamill: A J Herbison. J M Heron: C J Hollyman. J M Lang. C E Lindop. C A Lumbard: L Maclean: M A McNeill: J C Merrell. D M Murphy: B Neale. E M O'Hara. J Parnaby: A J Rees. J M Repila. D H Scales: J C Schwarz: A M Siddons. C L Turner. J Viant. A S Watkins: C A West

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Class II (Div 1): Brooks C

Latin

Class II (Div 1): Atkins A M T

MONDAY

Degrees awarded by the universities of Sussex and York will be published.

BOXING: PAGE TURNED OVER ON POINTS TO COMPLETE ANOTHER CHAPTER OF THE COMEBACK

Bugner sets his sights on Tyson

Sydney (Agencies) — The Joe Bugner bandwagon continued to trundle towards the world heavyweight champion. Mike Tyson, yesterday after a convincing points victory over Greg Page, of the United States, at the Entertainment Centre here.

Bugner was a clear winner at the end of the 10-round bout — one judge scoring him the winner of every round — but that said as much about Page's inept display as the quality of the former European and Commonwealth champion's performance.

Page, aged 28 and nine years Bugner's junior, wore a glazed expression from the first bell and spent most of the time looking pleadingly at his corner rather than watching Bugner's occasionally painful combinations.

It was difficult to believe the man from Muhammad Ali's home town of Louisville, Kentucky, had once been the World Boxing Association (WBA) champion as he was consistently short with his punches and rarely put two blows together. The three local judges scored the fight 97-93, 100-92 and 98-94 in favour of Bugner.

Bugner, presented with his certificate of Australian citizenship before the fight, scored most of his points with a left jab. The man often accused of lacking a mean streak still seemed to fall short of using his whole weight in a punch and hit too often with an open glove.

But Bugner's willingness to use shoulders, elbows and his superior weight to unsettle Page showed that he might finally be developing street-fighting instincts. His connections are convinced this victory, in a fight billed as a world title eliminator, will secure Bugner a pay day against the World Boxing Council (WBC) and WBA champion. Tyson, possibly in the United States in December for the WBC version.

Bugner was delighted with his victory but said that Page, who is ranked No. 12 by the WBC and No. 2 by the International Boxing Federation, had proved a difficult opponent. He added he was eager to fight Tyson but would discuss the situation with his trainer, John Lewis, and his wife

"I am 37 years old. I accept the fact that I am coming to the end of the road as a boxer but I know I can get myself to rise to the occasion for a world title bout and maybe defend the title once."

On yesterday's showing he will not knock out Tyson but could well last the distance as he did against Ali (twice) and Joe Frazier in his younger days. It was Bugner's third non-title bout since announcing his comeback last year and he has now had 73 professional bouts, winning 61, losing 11 and drawing one.

Page said he had found it difficult to breathe in the ring. "I think it was because I just came from Los Angeles, where it was 100 degrees, to winter conditions in Sydney."

Page's manager, Greg Lee, said he would advise Bugner to "get out of boxing", a point backed up by the boxer who added: "From one professional athlete to another, I would advise Joe to get out. As for fighting Tyson, I think Tyson would kill him."

Look of determination: Bugner (right) catches Page with a right cross on his way to victory

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ROWING

Doggett's success is easy for Spencer

By Jim Railton

Christopher Spencer yesterday became the 273rd winner of the Doggett's Coat and Badge for the livery and badge provided annually under the will of the late Mr Thomas Doggett, a famous comedian, to commemorate the accession of George I to the throne in 1714. This famous race is kept alive today by courtesy of the Fishmongers' Company.

Spencer dominated from start to finish against a plucky opponent in Alec Argent, from Gravesend, while the two other challengers struggled to master the Tideway from London Bridge to Chelsea.

Spencer's Uncle Martin won the Doggett's in 1970 and his brother, Roger, in 1985 and Christopher, who finished ninth in the double sculls at the world under-23 championships in Hamburg last year, was the outstanding favourite this year.

Spencer, who works for a firm engaged in the development of the London Docklands — for watersports, including rowing, emphasized his authority early on in the race. He faced difficulty between Westminster and Vauxhall bridges but was so far ahead that he was able to glance around and pick his way gently at a low rate in some difficult water.

By the finish Spencer was more than a minute and a half ahead of Argent while his two other opponents quickly withered on this tricky Tideway course.

There are strong murmurs among former winners of the Doggett's that their daughters, who are now apprentices, could have done better than most in yesterday's race and a new era of competitors for this famous traditional event are perhaps now on the horizon.

RESULTS: 1, C Spencer (Rainham), 25min 40sec; 2, A Argent (Gravesend); 3, G Hayes (Welling); 4, M Lewis (Gravesend). Verdict: easily.

● The Match des Seniors (*Under-23*) opens on Lake Aiguebelette, near Chambery, in the foothills of the French Alps today. A record entry of 19 nations bears witness to the growing importance of this event, which is designed to bridge the gap between the junior and senior world championships. Britain have entered a full team in the 70 events.

POLO

Soft going is against Peru

By John Watson

International Day, at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, sponsored by Cartier, begins at 3 p.m. tomorrow with the six-chukka duel for the Coronation Cup between England and a United States team. This will be followed by a five-chukka match in which Peru will face a foursome put together by the Prince of Wales for the Silver *Jubilee Cup. A crowd of 15,000* is expected.

England's first foursome is composed of Julian and Howard Hipwood, who have been in the Coronation team on every occasion since the cup's inception in 1971, and Alan Kent who has been with them on many occasions.

The fourth member, William Lucas, a new face in international polo, will be No. 1, not always an easy place to fill. He plays off a handicap of no more than four but is generally regarded as the most dashing and useful No. 1 seen in action this summer. England's total handicap is 29.

Three of the Americans have been busy in this country at least since early *last month.* To complete the quartet they have flown in a very young six-goaler, Michael Azarro.

For the second match Prince Charles has chosen two men with whom he has been playing in the Windsor Park team, Geoffrey Kent and the New Zealand eight-goaler, Stuart Mackenzie. For back he has invited Martin Brown, who has been occupying that position with remarkable aplomb for Southfield this season.

The Peruvians will ride out on the same handicap line, 21. It is the best that country can field. Fernando Reusche, the back, is the best player but, suffering from a thumb injury, he has not held a mallet in earnest for several weeks.

The Peruvians are praying for dry ground as they have little experience on soft turf.

TEAMS: North America: 1, M Azzaro (6); 2, R Walton (8); 3, O Rinehart (9); back, D Smicknas (7). England: 1, W Lucas (4); 2, A Kent (7); 3, J Hipwood (9), back, H Hipwood (9). Prince of Wales: 1, G Kent (4); 2, Prince of Wales (4); 3, S Mackenzie (8); back, M Brown (5). Peru: 1, A Diago (3); 2, J Pena (6); 3, M Pena (6); back, F Reusche (6).

CYCLING

Longland gives up his title without a fight

By Peter Bryan

Glenn Longland, Britain's best all-rounder champion, will not defend his national 12-hour title in Yorkshire tomorrow. He said yesterday that it was too early in the season for him and that the round-trip from his home in Winchester was too expensive.

Instead Longland, who retained his 50-mile title last month, will try to improve on his time for that distance tomorrow in the Essex Roads CC event at Margaretting.

A surprise rival is Ian Cammish, all-rounder champion for six years until dethroned by Longland last year. Cammish entered for the 12-hour championship and then, not satisfied with his form, withdrew in favour of another tilt at a fast 50-mile time. Longland trails him by more than six minutes at the moment and is also slower by two minutes over 100 miles.

Neither rider has been at his best so far this season; *Cammish* has struggled to find form and Longland suffered a bad crash

Meanwhile, the present leader of the all-rounder competition, Eddie Adkins, from Aylesbury, has turned his back on everything except his family this weekend. He has gone to the West Country with them for their annual week's holiday.

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Dastur.
3.00 Next Dance.
3.40 Matou.
4.10 Lagta.
4.40 Sleuth.
5.10 Sylvan Orient.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Mans No Angel.
3.00 —
3.40 Iyamski.
4.10 Faux Pavillon.
4.40 Sleuth.
5.10 Up The Ladder.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.40 Matou.

Going: good **Draw: 7f and above, low numbers best**

2.30 CAMBUSDOON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £959: 7f) (7 runners)

3 (5) 2 DASTUR 14 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 N Howe 98
10 (1) 203 MANS NO ANGEL 22 (T Ramsden) A Bailey 9-0 R Carter (5) 85
11 (3) 4 MARTIAL LAW 15 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J W Watts 9-0 N Connorton ● 99
13 (7) ONE FOR THE POT (P Lewis) W Pearce 9-0 J H Brown —
14 (6) 0 PERCHCOURT 38 (Perchcourt Ltd) R Whitaker 9-0 S Perks —
16 (2) 0 TENDER ALI 12 (C Hunt) N Bycroft 9-0 P Robinson —
18 (4) 40 EMLYN ROSE 8 (T Evans) P Calver 8-9 M Fry —

BETTING: 11-10 Martial Law, 7-4 Dastur, 6-1 Mans No Angel, 14-1 Emlyn Rose, 20-1 Perchcourt, 25-1 Tender Ali, 33-1 One For The Pot.

1986: STILLMAN 9-0 J Bleasdale (11-4 fav) M H Easterby 11 ran

3.0 P.G. TIPS TEA CUP HANDICAP STAKES (Amateurs: £1,690: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

1 (1) 4210-03 MURPHY 64 (G) (Mrs S Brook) R Whitaker 3-11-7 Sandy Brook 93
2 (6) 41-0000 ALBION PLACE 12 (F) (Mrs C Geraghty) M H Easterby 3-11-6 Mr T Easterby 94
3 (5) 301022 BEAN BOY 12 (F,S) (Miss S Nicholson) M H Easterby 9-11-5 Sarah Nicholson (5) 92
6 (7) 030-141 NEXT DANCE 35 (F) (Mrs E Hewitson) J S Wilson 4-10-11 Linda Perratt 96
7 (9) 03-0020 ELARIM 18 (F,G) (R Cartwright) T Fairhurst 8-10-10 Judy Fairhurst (5) 94
8 (8) 000/001- MONIAR 372 (F,G) (J Thorp) D Moffatt 8-10-5 Jenny Moffatt (5) 90
10 (2) 00-0210 RECORD HAULIER 21 (D,S) (W Bethell) P Blockley 5-10-1 Liddy Bethell (5) 97
11 (3) 000/000- MARK MY CARD 347 (W Storey) W Storey 4-9-12 Mr K Johnson (5) —
13 (4) 0000-00 SALLY FOXTROT 64 (W Storey) W Storey 3-9-0 Stella Storey (5) ● 99

BETTING: 5-2 Next Dance, 7-2 Bean Boy, 4-1 Murphy, 11-2 *Record Haulier*, 7-1 Elarim, Albion Place, 10-1 Moniar, 14-1 Sally Foxtrot, 16-1 Mark My Card.

1986: MISAAF 3-10-5 Mr T Thomson Jones (1-4 fav) H Thomson Jones 8 ran

3.40 TOTE BOOKMAKERS SPRINT HANDICAP TROPHY (£10,796: 6f) (10 runners)

2 (4) 400201 PHILIP 3 (D,F,G,S) (D Marley) N Tinkler 5-9-10 Kim Tinkler 98
4 (10) 00411-1 IYAMSKI 21 (F,G) (J Thom) W Hastings-Bass 4-9-9 R Lines (3) 93
5 (5) 0-00001 MATOU 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs T Pick) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-9-4 P Robinson 94
6 (7) 230-002 NORGABIE 14 (F) (P Goulandris) P Calver 3-8-10 M Fry 98
7 (1) 24-0112 ROYAL CROFTER 21 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 3-8-9 G Duffield 93
8 (9) 21-0231 SUPREME ROSE 16 (D,F,S) (E Badger) W Musson 3-8-9 M Wigham 94
10 (3) 441114 KEEN EDGE 3 (D,F) (T Tobin) P Mitchell 3-8-6 C Rutter 94
11 (8) 2-00124 SO KIND 16 (D,G) (Mrs R Nurse) J W Watts 3-8-4 N Connorton 91
12 (2) 030310 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 9 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 4-8-3 — 96
14 (6) 001021 CAPEABILITY POUND 5 (C,F,G,S) (Capes Ltd) N Bycroft 4-7-10 G Bardwell (5) ● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Keen Edge, 4-1 Royal Crofter, 5-1 Iyamski, 6-1 Matou, 7-1 Philip, 8-1 Supreme Rose, So Kind, 12-1 Capeability Pound, 14-1 others.

1986: MATOU 6-9-7 W Ryan (7-1) G Pritchard-Gordon 12 ran

4.10 KYLE AND CARRICK HANDICAP STAKES (£2,548: 1m 5f) (8 runners)

2 (1) 012004 FOURTH TUDOR 10 (B,D,F,G) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 5-9-10 R Carter (5) 95
4 (6) 103343 FOUR STAR THRUST 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Turner) R Whitaker 5-9-9 S Perks 97
5 (4) 0-400 DAPPING 16 (V) (C Campbell Golding) J W Watts 3-9-3 N Connorton 88
6 (8) 0-01003 LAGTA 21 (F) (S Manana) J Dunlop 3-9-2 G Duffield 98
8 (3) 040212 BECCADELLI 5 (D,BF,G) (C St George) C Tinkler 3-8-12 N Crowther 98
11 (7) 003120 ALPHA HELIX 29 (V,BF,F) (J Richard) T Craig 4-8-7 S Webster 94
12 (5) 0-0010 FAUX PAVILLON 40 (B,F) (C Ring) A Hide 3-7-11 M Fry 93
14 (2) 4-33203 SCOTTISH FLING 19 (J Clark) J S Wilson 3-7-8 Kim Tinkler ● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Lagta, 3-1 Beccadelli, 9-2 Four Star Thrust, 5-1 Alpha Helix, 6-1 Fourth Tudor, 7-1 Dapping, 10-1 Faux Pavillon, Scottish Fling.

1986: HIGH TENSION 4-9-10 W Ryan (5-4 fav) G Pritchard-Gordon 5 ran

4.40 LARGS MAIDEN STAKES (£959: 1m) (4 runners)

6 (3) 32 SLEUTH 8 (K Al-Said) J Hindley 3-8-11 M Wigham ● 99
7 (1) 000-222 DON'T KNOCK IT 63 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 3-8-8 G Duffield 89
9 (4) 00-302 LIGHTNING DISC 10 (N Madell) P Kelleway 3-8-8 P Robinson 87
15 (2) TUILERIES (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-8 N Connorton —

BETTING: 4-6 Sleuth, 3-1 Don't Knock It, 4-1 Lightning Disc, 6-1 Tuileries.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.10 SPRINGSIDE HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,155: 1m) (7 runners)

3 (4) 00-2020 SIR JAMESTOWN 47 (BF) (J Albritton) J W Watts 9-7 N Connorton 94
5 (3) 0-03404 UP THE LADDER 4 (T Ramsden) A Bailey 8-12 R Carter (5) 91
7 (6) 004042 OKOSAN 12 (B) (J Nethercott-Hunt) W Pearce 8-9 G Duffield 92
11 (1) 000200 SYLVAN ORIENT 4 (V) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 8-5 C Rutter 95
12 (5) 400-000 ANOTHER SEASON 9 (B) (Mrs H Ryan Price) Denys Smith 8-4 M Fry 86
13 (2) 401320 EVERLOFT 12 (D,S) (R Cottam) G Moore 8-1 P Robinson ● 99
15 (7) 000-001 CARJUJEN 12 (D,F) (G Northage) R Whitaker 7-9 (5ex) G Bardwell (5) 89

BETTING: 2-1 Sir Jamestown, 7-2 Everloft, 9-2 Okosan, 5-1 Up The Ladder, 7-1 Sylvan Orient, 8-1 Carjujen, 14-1 Another Season.

1986: BALNERINO 3-8-12 M Fry (9-2) Denys Smith 6 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Dunlop	18	59	30.5
G P-Gordon	12	43	27.9
J Hindley	21	88	23.9
B Hills	9	43	20.9
N Bycroft	8	43	18.6
M H Easterby	14	106	13.2

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Kim Tinkler	6	16	37.5
G Duffield	27	111	24.3
P Robinson	8	40	20.0

Only qualifiers

RACING

Young Inca gains fifth Ascot win

Young Inca overcame countless problems in running before snatching the Rous Memorial Handicap by a short head from Our Jock at Ascot yesterday.

Running his 76th race, Young Inca was scoring his twelfth success and his fifth at Ascot. Peggy Cottrell, wife of the winning trainer, Gerald, said: "This is encouraging for Ever Sharp's chance in the Stewards' Cup on Tuesday. They work together and the younger horse is the better at home."

Mountain Kingdom, only four lengths behind Reference Point in the Derby, paid the favourite for today's big race no compliments when beaten by King Of Mercia in the Cranbourne Chase Maiden Stakes.

Clive Brittain said: "I'm not too worried about Mountain Kingdom being beaten. The winner could be a good horse and mine remains on target for the Great Voltigeur and the St Leger. He wants further than today's mile and a quarter and didn't handle the heavy ground."

John Dunlop saddled Ashayer and Baby Marie to finish first and second in the Virginia Water Maiden Stakes.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

6.20 *Glucinium.* 6.45 Al Amead. 7.10 Chester Terrace. 7.40 Tom Forrester. 8.10 Quelle Fille. 8.40 Gun Lady.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.20 Hay Deb. 6.45 Music Machine. 7.10 Be My Prince. 7.40 Janie-O. 8.10 Temperable. 8.40 Lauries Treasure.

Going: soft **Draw: low numbers best**

6.20 SIREN SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £947: 6f) (17 runners)

2 0 BLUEMEL BOY 25 H O Neill 8-11 — 14
3 00 BOHEA DESTROYER 40 P Burgoyne 8-11 T Quinn 1
4 400 LAPITHOS DANCER 17 (B) J D Davies 8-11 L Ashworth (7) 8
5 0 L G'S PRIDE 50 P Burgoyne 8-11 R Fox 5
7 00 MOULIN-A-VENT 24 R Hoad 8-11 A Shoults (3) 7
9 04 WOTSORTAMAN 18 R Hannon 8-11 R Cochrane 12
10 004 DARK GISELLE 25 C Hill 8-6 J Reid 15
12 EXHAUST LADY Miss B Sanders 8-6 B Crossley 17
13 00 FREE STATEMENT 11 J Bridger 8-6 D McKay 16
14 220 GLUCINIUM 71 H O Neill 8-6 P Cook 10
15 0 HAY DEB 85 P Haslam 8-6 G French 2
16 04 HELEN LOUISE 63 A Jarvis 8-6 — 4
17 0004 JETWAY 17 Mrs C Reavey 8-6 N Day 3
18 0000 LARCH IMAGE LADY 25 R Hoad 8-6 G Sexton 9
19 00 MORETON'S MARTHA 31 L Holt 8-6 N Adams 6
20 0000 PRETTY JAY 11 W Kemp 8-6 — 11
23 004 TRACIES DELIGHT 33 R Hannon 8-6 B Rouse 13

4-1 Moreton's Martha, 9-2 Helen Louise, 5-1 Dark Giselle, Wotsortaman, 6-1 Glucinium, 8-1 Tracies Delight.

6.45 JOHN ROGERSON HANDICAP (£3,746: 5f) (5)

2 -100 COME ON CHASE ME 7 (CD,GS) J Etherington 3-9-10 R Cochrane 2
4 0241 AL AMEAD 24 (C,F,G,S) C Benstead 7-9-0 B Rouse 4
6 00-4 MERRYMOLES 3 (B,D,G,S) M McCourt 4-8-9 R Wernham 1
8 -020 MUSIC MACHINE 18 (CD,BF,F,G,S) P Haslam 6-8-4 J Quinn (5) 5
11 00-0 ALICE HILL 19 (D,F,G) D Wilson 4-7-7 R Fox 3

6-4 Al Amead, 3-1 Music Machine, Merrymoles, 6-1 Come On Chase Me, 16-1 Alice Hill.

7.10 MIDSUMMER HANDICAP (£1,979: 1m 2f) (15)

1 4024 GRAND ECLIPSE 8 P Kelleway 9-13 Gay Kelleway (3) 15
2 0302 THORNFIELD 25 P Akehurst 9-7 J Reid 14
3 0203 BE MY PRINCE 15 (B,BF) A Stewart 9-2 R Hills 7
7 -000 UNPAID MEMBER 28 J Sutcliffe 8-13 J Matthias 8
11 0023 CHESTER TERRACE 26 (BF,G) P Walwyn 8-11 B Thomson 1
14 0001 STORM FORCE 23 (F) R Hannon 8-8 B Rouse 9
15 0340 SUTOSKY 7 I Matthews 8-8 R Cochrane 4
16 1420 TAMASSOS 63 (S) (D,BF) M Tompkins 8-7 G Starkey 3
18 0-00 TRANISKI 74 J Dunlop 8-6 R Fox 6
19 0040 MISS GLENCOE 21 P Cole 8-5 T Quinn 12
20 0000 GOOD BUY BAILEY'S 18 (S) G Blum 8-5 M Rimmer 10
23 43-0 FLUTEAU 15 S Mellor 8-3 N Adams 13
24 0-00 CASTLE MELODY 23 G Lewis 8-2 G French 2
25 -020 KIKUYU 18 R Smyth 8-2 P Waldron 11
27 0030 CABALLINE 8 M Haynes 7-10 T Williams 5

3-1 Thornfield, 7-2 Chester Terrace, 9-2 Be My Prince, 5-1 Grand Eclipse, 6-1 Storm Force, 8-1 Tamassos, 10-1 Traniski.

7.40 BRITELITE HANDICAP (£2,985: 7f 140yd) (11)

11 -000 WHIRLING WORDS 31 (F) P Makin 4-9-10 T Quinn 1
13 0003 TOM FORRESTER 3 (CD,G,S) R Akehurst 6-9-4 J Reid 6
17 3022 JANIE-O 3 (G) (V) M Ryan 4-8-12 N Day 9
20 400 TAKE THE MICKY 33 J Fitch-Heyes 4-8-9 R Fox 2
21 -000 PROMENADER 7 C Trietline 4-8-8 N Adams 3
24 0034 MISTER PRELUDE 28 (G,S) C Hill 7-8-7 S Dawson 7
25 -040 MISS MAINA 81 J Fitch-Heyes 5-8-5 L Riggio (7) 10
26 000- *HUMBLE BEAUTY* 270 A Jarvis 4-8-5 — 5
27 -000 OUT OF STOCK 7 M Blanshard 4-8-5 R Cochrane 11
29 0000 SAALIB 5 (B) J D Davies 4-8-2 G French 4
30 00/0 BUCKS FIZZ MUSIC 46 B Gubby 7-7-7 T Williams 8

15-8 Janie-O, 5-2 Tom Forrester, 4-1 Whirling Words, 6-1 Take The Micky, 10-1 Mister Prelude, 12-1 Saalib, 16-1 others.

8.10 SUNSET MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 2m) (13)

1 0000 AL FAYES 43 M Usher 9-0 P Cook 12
2 0002 BAMAR LAD 40 M Bolton 9-0 J Matthias 6
5 4 HALCANOR 14 G Harwood 9-0 G Starkey 8
6 0-00 HOLLYWOOD MAN 46 S Mellor 9-0 M Wigham 3
7 00-0 PRINCE MAC 11 W Kemp 9-0 N Adams 4
8 0000 SPACIAL 43 R Smyth 9-0 G Kennedy (7) 9
9 0004 TEMPERABLE 10 M Tompkins 9-0 R Cochrane 7
13 00-0 BETTA WIN 11 J Bridger 8-11 D McKay 2
16 0 KATIE KIWI 10 R Smyth 8-11 P Waldron 1
20 00 PRUDISH 19 (B) P Walwyn 8-11 B Thomson 10
21 0003 QUELLE FILLE 29 P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 11
22 00-0 RECTORY GIRL 43 D Grissell 8-11 R Guest 13
24 -000 ZILDA 14 P Kelleway 8-11 Gay Kelleway (3) 5

2-1 Quelle Fille, 9-4 Halcanor, 4-1 Temperable, 13-2 Zilda, 12-1 Al Fayes, 14-1 Spacial, 20-1 others.

8.40 MANIFESTO MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,831: 6f) (20)

2 00 AL KHALED 44 R Hannon 9-0 B Rouse 17
3 AMPHOTERIC VENTURE R Akehurst 9-0 — 18
7 BELDINE I Matthews 9-0 R Cochrane 4
11 COUNT ME OUT R Hoad 9-0 — 15
12 0 DAWES OF NELSON 95 M Bolton 9-0 P Waldron 10
13 000 DUKE OF PLUMSTEAD 11 W Kemp 9-0 — 20
16 040 LETCOMBE 12 M McCourt 9-0 B Thomson 14
18 0 MILFORD LAD 14 (B) C Charlet 9-0 A Shoults (3) 12
21 0 PLEASURE DANCER 12 D Arbuthnot 9-0 R Street 9
26 000 SCARLET PRINCE 12 (B) M McCourt 9-0 R Wernham 5
27 SEVRINO N Vigors 9-0 S Dawson 8
28 00 SHIRYON 46 S Mellor 9-0 M Wigham 7
29 THATCHED COURT M Blanshard 9-0 P Cook 2
30 TOP ONE E Eldin 9-0 A Mackay 6
35 2 CHIC-ANITA 5 M Usher 8-9 R Hills 3
36 0 FAREWELL SONG 84 I Balding 8-9 J Matthias 11
37 2 GUN LADY 14 J Dunlop 8-9 T Quinn 19
39 3 LAURIES TREASURE 25 R Boss 8-9 G Starkey 13
43 QUEENSTYLE M Blanshard 8-9 N Adams 16
44 00 RIVA MAI 21 D Laing 8-9 T Williams 1

9-4 Lauries Treasure, 11-4 Gun Lady, 4-1 Chic-Anita, 5-1 Farewell Song, 8-1 Dawes Of Nelson, 14-1 Al Khaled.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 38 winners from 146 runners, 26.0%; P Cole, 27 from 109, 24.8%; I Balding, 14 from 73, 19.2%; R Akehurst, 15 from 81, 18.5%; J Dunlop, 29 from 217, 13.4%; M Ryan, 8 from 61, 13.1%.

JOCKEYS: B Thomson, 8 winners from 29 rides, 27.6%; N Day, 5 from 19, 26.3%; G Starkey, 28 from 137, 20.4%; T Quinn, 18 from 103, 17.5%; T Williams, 13 from 89, 14.6% (Only qualifiers)

● Royal Fan (10-1 from 14-1) and Numismatist (14-1 from 16-1) have been well backed with the sponsors for Tuesday's William Hill Stewards' Cup at Goodwood. Coral also report support for Royal Fan and have cut the gelding to 10-1 (from 16-1). Both firms make Ever Sharp 8-1 favourite.

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Selections

By Mandarin

6.15 Farras. 6.45 Brigadier Thwaites. 7.15 La Cazadora. 7.45 Erris Express. 8.15 Sajir. 8.45 Shaft Of Sunlight.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.15 Farras. 6.45 Tufty Lady. 7.45 Caviar Blini. 8.15 Sajir.

Going: good to firm
Draw: 5f-1m, low numbers best

6.15 GARRICK MAIDEN FILLIES (2-Y-O: £1,087: 5f) (13 runners)

1 03 BETTER BUY BAILEYS 15 G Blum 8-11 P Bloomfield 13
2 0 CHAMPAGNE LOVER 5 M Usher 8-11 A McGlone 11
4 00 CORMAN-STYLE 25 M Blanshard 8-11 A Clark 10
6 DARA'S BIRD L Piggott 8-11 T Ives 1
7 000 ELLENWOOD 5 M Charles 8-11 A Proud 3
8 32 FARRAS 36 A Stewart 8-11 M Roberts 2
15 0000 MARTINSMOON 5 M Charles 8-11 E Johnson 4
18 430 MISS HAYS 12 R Smyth 8-11 Paul Eddery 9
21 NEEDWOOD CRACKER B Morgan 8-11 G Carter 12
23 0 PENDINE SANDS 47 R Smyly 8-11 G Baxter 7
26 2 PRIMULETTE 19 (BF) H Candy 8-11 W Newnes 8
31 TURBO ROSE M Jarvis 8-11 B Raymond 6
32 00 VITAL SPLENDID 8 B Palling 8-11 J Williams 5

7-4 Farras, 5-2 Primulette, 6-1 Bettor Buy Baileys, 8-1 *Dara's Bird, Turbo Rose, 10-1 Miss Hays, 14-1 others.*

6.45 ENTERTAINERS HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,641: 1m) (7)

1 3-00 NORTHSHIEL 16 (S) H Candy 9-7 W Newnes 5
9 -083 BRIGADIER THWAITES 71 (BF) P Walwyn 9-1 M Roberts 4
13 0000 TUFTY LADY 14 (F) R Armstrong 8-12 G Baxter 7
15 001 GLENROYALE 17 (CD,F) B Hills 8-8 W Carson 6
18 2303 SAUNDERS LASS 18 (F) R Holder 7-10 A Proud 1
19 0000 SAMLEON 5 (F,S) R Hannon 7-10 A McGlone 3
20 0000 CONVINCING 26 D Laing 7-7 J Carter (5) 2

2-1 Brigadier Thwaites, 5-2 Saunders Lass, 4-1 Glenroyale, 6-1 Northshiel, 12-1 Tufty Lady, Samleon, 16-1 others

7.15 WATERSIDE SELLING STAKES (£822: 1m 2f 170yd) (13)

1 1-00 GREENHILLS BOY 11 (F) D A Wilson 4-9-3 W Newnes 13
3 0000 MOSTANGO 5 (B,F) M Haynes 4-9-3 M Roberts 8
5 000- SOME GUEST 353 D Tucker 4-9-3 — 2
6 0 SONNY HILL LAD 5 F Yardley 4-9-3 J Williams 10
7 0000 VERMEER 40 J Spearing 4-9-3 W Carson 7
8 0-0 GAY STARLIGHT 52 Miss L Siddall 4-9-0 — 9
9 0001 LA CAZADORA 7 (G) J Davies 4-9-0 J Adams (7) 1
10 0002 LADY WINDMILL 7 S Dow 4-9-0 P Simms (7) 12
12 0000 YOUNG CENTURION 21 (V,F) M Usher 3-8-6 R Marshall 5
13 0 DANE PRINCESS 58 K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-3 A McGlone 3
15 0000 KINSHAM DENE 26 J Douglas-Home 3-8-3 T Ives 11
16 0000 LYNDA BROAD 19 P Burgoyne 3-8-3 J Carter (5) 6
17 0002 PRINCESS SEMELE 23 M Pipe 3-8-3 S Whitworth 4

7-4 Princess Semele, 3-1 La Cazadora, 5-1 Lady Windmill, 6-1 Greenhills Boy, 8-1 Vermeer, 10-1 others.

7.45 STRATFORD UPON AVON FESTIVAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,208: 5f) (11)

2 31 CAVIAR BLINI 29 (D,G) A Stewart 9-7 M Roberts 10
4 2303 PAYVASHOOZ 14 (D,S) M Brittain 9-3 T Ives 5
5 3013 WINDATUM 2 (V,G) Mrs N Macauley 9-1 (7ex) S Cauthen 11
8 022 ERRIS EXPRESS 12 (BF) F Durr 8-9 W Newnes 6
9 0031 EBONY QUESTE 17 (CD,F) W Wharton 8-9 R Curant 9
12 0001 EASTERN MELODY 31 (D,S) E Alston 8-5 Paul Eddery 4
13 4024 FOOL TO CRY 15 (V) B Morgan 8-1 G Carter 8
15 1404 MISS WESLEY 11 (D,F) R Hannon 7-12 A McGlone 3
16 3300 PETITE ANGEL 31 R Hollinshead 7-12 A Culhane (5) 7
17 0041 PEACONPALA 11 (D,F) Miss A King 7-7 (7ex) A Riding (7) 1
18 4040 BASHIBAZOUK 4 D A Wilson 7-7 J Carter (5) 2

11-4 Caviar Blini, 7-2 Ebony Queste, 4-1 Erris Express, 5-1 Eastern Melody. 7-1 Peaconpala. 8-1 Windatum, 10-1 others.

8.15 SWAN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,268: 1m 2f 170yd) (10)

2 0-32 BOB FOREST 19 M Jarvis 9-0 B Raymond 10
8 0000 MANSIO 8 H Candy 9-0 W Newnes 8
12 0-20 RUSSIAN AFFAIR 71 A Stewart 9-0 M Roberts 5
13 0 SAJIR 17 H Cecil 9-0 S Cauthen 4
15 40-2 SLIPPERY MAX 19 G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 G Carter 2
17 4330 YOUNG GHILLIE 14 (V) P Walwyn 9-0 N Howe 6
24 42 KLARARA 353 (BF) J Dunlop 8-11 Paul Eddery 3
26 0 MRS KAYDAGAWN 19 R Armstrong 8-11 G Baxter 7
28 0-02 QUEEN MATILDA 18 P Bowden 8-11 J Williams 9
32 4-00 TROYES 50 W Hern 8-11 W Carson 1

5-2 Klarara, 7-2 Troyes, Sajir, 5-1 Russian Affair, 6-1 Bob Forest, 10-1 Young Ghillie, 12-1 others.

8.45 MARY ARDEN HANDICAP STAKES (£1,571: 1m 6f 180yd) (15)

8 020- COMAZANT 291 M Eckley 4-9-10 S Cauthen 7
12 0-00 *ALL INTENT 28 G Harwood 5-9-7* A Clark 9
13 3344 KING OF THE SEA 11 Mrs S Oliver 4-9-6 J Williams 10
14 000 TATCOMBE 26 H Candy 3-9-4 W Newnes 6
19 -002 SHAFT OF SUNLIGHT 15 P Walwyn 3-9-0 N Howe 8
20 0000 ISLAND WHISPER 35 R Johnson Houghton 4-8-13 W Carson 15
22 0/30 CASSIO LIL 68 (F) T Casey 8-8-13 Paul Eddery 5
24 4400 VISUAL IDENTITY 12 Miss A King 5-8-12 J Puddle (7) 12
26 3001 RED ENSIGN 33 (G,S) C Jackson 5-8-9 A McGlone 11
28 0000 CUILLIN SOUND 11 C Austin 4-8-9 — 14
36 /00- ROBBIE GRANT 402 M Castell 4-8-2 P Barnard (7) 13
40 0-00 WATER MUSICK 17 J Spearing 4-7-12 NON-RUNNER 3
41 1-02 DO OR DIE 8 (F) O O'Neil 10-7-11 M Hughes (7) 1
42 0/00 SUNNY REEF 17 J Cosgrave 7-7-11 — 2
44 0-03 MISTA SPOOF 33 J Perrett 5-7-7 — 4

4-1 Island Whisper, 9-2 Red Ensign, 5-1 Comazant, 6-1 King Of The Sea, Shaft Of Sunlight. 8-1 Tatcombe, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 14 winners from 30 runners, 46.7%; G Harwood, 8 from 39, 20.5%; J Dunlop, 8 from 60, 13.3%; P Walwyn, 10 from 75, 13.3%; B Hills, 10 from 78, 12.8%; R Johnson Houghton, 8 from 68, 11.8%

JOCKEYS: S Cauthen, 27 winners from 106 rides, 25.7%; W Carson, 17 from 107, 15.9%; T Ives, 9 from 57, 15.8%; S Whitworth, 12 from 91, 13.2% (Only qualifiers).

● Half A Year, Luca Cumani's crack miler, is out for the season after suffering a minor fracture of his off-fore cannon bone. The St James's Palace Stakes winner, who is unbeaten in three races, will stay in training as a four-year-old.

● Master Of The Roll gave Thirsk trainer Lynda Ramsden her sixth winner of the season in the Wrynose Maiden Stakes at Carlisle yesterday.

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RACING: DERBY WINNER CAN GIVE WARREN PLACE TRAINER HIS FIRST KING GEORGE

Reference Point Cecil's jewel

Point to prove: the Derby winner Reference Point who faces older horses for the second time and classic fillies from his own generation for the first time in today's Diamond Stakes

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Reference Point has an excellent chance of winning the King George VI and Queen *Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at* Ascot today now that Mtoto, his conqueror in the Eclipse, has been withdrawn because of the ground.

If he succeeds in capturing the jewel in Ascot's crown he could also easily become the *middle leg of yet another* treble for his trainer Henry Cecil whose runners on the course in June did so outstandingly well.

The master of Warren Place also saddles Bluebook (2.35) and Reprimand (3.55) in the main supporting races and the word from Newmarket is that *they are two of his most gifted* two-year-olds.

The De Beers-sponsored King George *is one of the few* big races that has eluded Cecil's net. Not even his fillies' Triple Crown winner Oh So Sharp managed to win it two years ago. So why should Reference Point succeed where she failed? Firstly, he is able enough. Secondly, he will appreciate the distance again after reverting to *10* furlongs for the Eclipse. And thirdly, he will not mind the *ground. In addition I feel that* events may well show that he is sharper now than he was at Sandown where his race may well have come a bit too soon after *his post-Derby* rest.

My information is that Reference Point is better now than he was then. Yet he still managed to beat Triptych at Sandown where the distance, if not the ground, suited her ideally. Today the softer ground will be right up her street but not, I suggest, the longer distance which is guaranteed to bring Reference Point's stamina into full play again.

There are two avenues of thought which say that Reference Point should beat Celestial Storm. The first comes by taking a form line *through Triptych herself* (they were first and second in last year's *Champion Stakes*); the second through Mountain Kingdom who finished four lengths behind Celestial Storm at Newmarket but five behind Reference Point in the Derby.

Other form lines through Triptych in last year's Arc and this year's Coronation Cup also give Reference Point the beating of the German champion, Acatenango, who won the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud last summer.

Moon Madness, the winner of the same race this season, now returns to the course where he ran so badly on that awful ground in June. It is *pertinent to point out that he* did outpace Celestial Storm in last year's St Leger, albeit over a different distance and on better going.

Soft ground will not worry Sir Harry Lewis, though. Barry Hills's colt proved that when he won the Irish Derby. However, he still has four lengths to make up with Reference Point on Epsom running.

The Italian challenger Tony Bin should not beat Moon Madness, let alone some of the others. So the the only question remaining is, can Unite emulate Dahlia by winning this prize as well as the Irish Oaks.

As all her form has been on good ground, it is impossible to say how she will cope with *these different conditions*. Her connections have rightly let her take her chance as they have all to gain and nothing to lose. In this instance, though, *Reference Point has the more* solid form, having done battle with top class older horses already.

If **Bluebook** is all she has been cracked up to be she should set the ball rolling for Cecil and Cauthen by winning *the Princess Margaret Stakes.* She has always been held in higher esteem at home than Diminuendo, who has accounted for both Magic Of *Life* and What Speed already at Newmarket. Like Bluebook, Aim For The Top won nicely first time out so she is to be feared greatly.

Reprimand, who has already been nibbled at in the ante-post market for next year's 2,000 Guineas, is taken to make a winning debut in the Granville Stakes, on the advice of George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, who has been smitten by his homework there for some while.

Pat Eddery's wife, Carolyn, has a *clear chance* of winning the Dresden Diamond Stakes on **Tahilla** while both **Terminator** (4.25) and **Vague Shot** (4.55) will command a big following later in the afternoon on account of their ability to handle the prevailing conditions underfoot.

Irish Derby may hold the key

By Jack Waterman

The class of 1987 goes on trial against its elders today in the King George VI and *Queen* Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. And, even without the titanic presence of last year's champion Dancing Brave, the contest should, as ever, provide a worthwhile comparison of the generations and sexes.

Torrential rain at Ascot in the past week complicates matters, to put it mildly. Testing ground is racing's Lord of Misrule, *mocking the form book* and laughing at oracles.

Nonetheless, a guide to this afternoon's prospects can be found in the records books, and the following are the findings from the past 25 years of Britain's greatest all-aged race.

Age and sex

Over the entire history of the race winners are fairly evenly balanced as to age. In the period under review, though, three-year-old colts have done better than four-year-olds (11 against 8).

The feature to note, however, is the success of fillies since 1966, particularly older ones — one five-year-old, three four-year-olds and two three-year-*olds constitute* a *remarkable* record, bearing in mind that far fewer fillies than colts have taken part.

Triptych should be considered in this light today but the *records are against* Oaks winner Unite. Several winners of this fillies' classic have been placed as three-year-olds; none has won, though Time Charter won the following year and Pawneese had won the French equivalent.

Derby winners

A majority of Derby winners have *not taken part* in the big Ascot showpiece as three-year-olds. *Those that have, including* outstanding colts such as Nijinsky, Mill Reef and Shergar, muster half a dozen successes between them, a second and *fourth* while Tulyar and Pinza outside the period under review *bring the overall total in the* history of the race to eight. Today Reference Point has his chance to increase the tally.

Other races

Irish Derby winners have provided an even better guide to today's race than the Epsom classic, *providing seven winners*, three runners-up and a third in 25 years. Sir Harry Lewis is today's candidate for this key category.

Winners of the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud have gone on to take today's race three times with a further five placed. Moon Madness won this race earlier this month and Acatenango in 1986.

The Coronation Cup, which Triptych won this year and in which she was beaten by a short head in 1986, has provided two *winners and four placed horses*.

The St Leger of the previous year has a poor record (Moon Madness won last year with Celestial Storm runner-up). The *best performance was that of* Bustino, beaten half a length by Grundy in the epic encounter of 1975.

Front-runners

Match III back in 1962 made *virtually all the running*; Pawneese (1976) also made it from start to finish; and Teenoso (1984), with a brief respite, was in front most of the way. In most cases by far, however, the winner has been held up until the short Ascot straight. *Reference Point* with his style of front-running has it all to prove on the ground today.

Previous placings

The outstanding filly Dahlia won two years running and was third the following season. Ela-Mana-Mou was third in 1979 and won in 1980 while Orange Bay was placed in successive years. Triptych, third last year, comes into the reckoning from this point of view.

Jockeys

Pat Eddery (Grundy and Dancing Brave) has ridden two winners and John Reid (Ile De Bourbon) and Walter Swinburn (Shergar) *one apiece*. Steve Cauthen has been on the runner-up in the past two seasons (Oh *So Sharp and Shardari*).

Trainers

Michael Stoute trained the 1981 winner Shergar. Barry Hills has trained *two runners-up* (Rheingold and Hawaiian Sound) and Henry Cecil one (Oh So Sharp).

Market

In 15 of the 25 races under consideration, the winner has been returned at odds of 11-4 or less, including 12 favourites, seven of them odds-on. Six winners were priced between 7-2 and 13-2 *and* there were *four* outsiders at 10-1 to 100-7 — although on today's ground this statistic has less weight than it would on good going.

Foreign runners

There have been five French-trained winners and a further 11 placed horses in the past 25 years with *their most recent* victory in 1976. Triptych is their candidate today. Acatenango is only the fourth ever runner from Germany, a country yet to win the race, while Italy, successful with Ribot in 1956, sends Tony Bin.

Summing up, the records give a strong clue to the chance of SIR HARRY LEWIS overcoming the front-running Reference Point at appealing each-way odds and point to Triptych for *the remaining place*.

Late switch for Eddery

Pat Eddery, successful on Grundy (1975) and Dancing Brave last year, has made a late *switch to Bourbon Girl* for today's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot.

Eddery was expected to ride the St *Leger* winner Moon Madness for John Dunlop but has been claimed by Khaled Abdulla to partner the dual Oaks runner-up. Tony Ives takes the ride on Moon Madness.

● Bookmakers *William Hill* make Ten No Trumps, the Princess Royal's mount in today's Dresden Diamond Stakes at Ascot, a 6-1 shot.

Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 2.0 Hamloul. NEWCASTLE: 3.45 Mayohora. AYR: 4.10 Dapping, Alpha Helix, Faux Pavilion. *LINGFIELD*: 6.20 Lepthos Daner. 7.10 Be My Prince. 8.10 *Prudish. 8.40 Milford Lad, Scarlet Prince.*

BIG RACE FIELD BBC1

3.20 KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES (Group I: £182,790: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1 (3) 1110-13 ACATENANGO 27 (F,G,S) (ch h Surumu - Aggravate) (G Fahrhof) H Jentzsch (Ger) 5-9-7 C Asmussen 88
(Yellow, black sleeves, yellow cap with black peak)

2 (5) 32122-1 CELESTIAL STORM 18 (F,G) (b c Roberto - Tobira Celeste) (R Duchossois) L Cumani 4-9-7 R Cochrane 96
(Royal blue, yellow sash, yellow cap, blue spots)

3 (6) 313-431 MOON MADNESS 20 (CD,F,G,S) (b c Vitiges - Castle Moon) (Lavinia Duchess Of Norfolk) J Dunlop 4-9-7 T Ives 93
(Sky blue, scarlet quartered cap)

5 (9) 32-1112 TONY BIN 20 (F,G,S) (b c Kampala - Severn Bridge) (Allevamento White Star) L Camici (It) 4-9-7 L Jerome 90
(Red, white star, yellow sleeves, red and yellow hooped cap)

6 (7) 100-113 TRIPTYCH 21 (F,G,S) (b m Riverman - Trillion) (A Clore) P Biancone (Fr) 5-9-4 A Cruz 98
(Light blue, blue and mauve halved sleeves)

8 (8) 311-112 REFERENCE POINT 21 (BF,F,G) (b c Mill Reef - Home On The Range) (L Freedman) H Cecil 3-8-8 S Cauthen ● 99
(Yellow, black spots, yellow sleeves and cap)

9 (4) 2-1141 SIR HARRY LEWIS 28 (F,G,S) (b c Alleged - Sue Babe) (H Kaskel) B Hills 3-8-8 J Reid 90
(White, emerald green hoop and cap, hooped sleeves)

10 (1) 1-222 BOURBON GIRL 14 (C,F) (b f Ile De Bourbon - Fleet Girl) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-5 Pat Eddery 82
(Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves)

11 (2) 2-111 UNITE 14 (C,F,G,S) (ch f Kris - Pro Patria) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-5 W R Swinburn 92
(Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)

BETTING: *5-4 Reference Point, 9-2 Celestial Storm, 5-1 Triptych, 13-2 Unite, 9 Sir Harry Lewis,* 12-1 Bourbon Girl, 14-1 Acatenango, 16-1 Moon Madness, 200-1 Tony Bin.

1986: DANCING BRAVE 3-8-8 Pat Eddery (6-4) G Harwood 9 ran

Form guide to the nine runners

ACATENANGO, winner of thirteen Group races, continued the sequence at Hamburg last time (1m 3f, Group III, £21053, soft, Jun 28, 5 ran), beating Etzel (9-2) 5l.

On seasonal debut (9-7) a 1½l winner from Sand Ship (9-3) at Cologne (1m 4f, Group III, £21053, good, May 3, 6 ran).

CELESTIAL STORM (9-0) showed a nice turn of foot on Newmarket reappearance (1m 4f, Group II, £31780, good to firm, Jly 7, 9 ran) to beat Phardante (9-5) 2½l. Last season proved his versatility with (8-10) a ¾l 2nd to **TRIPTYCH** (9-0) in the Champion Stakes over 1m 2f at Newmarket (Group I, £86750, good, Oct 18, 11 ran) and a (9-0) 4l 2nd to **MOON MADNESS** (9-0) over 1m 6f in the St Leger at Doncaster (Group I, £110592, good, Sep 13, 8 ran).

MOON MADNESS (9-8) returned to form beating Italian challenge **TONY BIN** (9-6) at St-Cloud last time (1m 4f, Group I, £126926, firm, Jly 4, 6 ran), previously (9-0) unsuited by the heavy ground over course and distance at the Royal meeting (Group II, £35298, Jun 19, 4 ran) when 23l 3rd to Orban.

On seasonal debut (9-3) 5½l 4th to Mtoto (8-10) at Sandown (1m 2f, Group III, £17325, good, May 26, 8 ran).

TONY BIN showed best form against **MOON MADNESS** last time, previously (9-6) a 3l winner over Our Eliaso (8-6) in the Italian Derby (1m 4f, Group I, £100756, good, Jun 7, 9 ran).

Earlier (9-6) a 2l winner over Duca Di Busted (9-6) at Capanelle (1m 2f, Group I, £41867, May 24, 11 ran) with English runner Boon Point (9-6) 2½l 3rd.

TRIPTYCH, an excellent 2l 3rd to Dancing Brave in the Arc last year, finished 3rd in the Eclipse last time Previously (8-11) a ¾l winner of the Coronation Cup at Epsom (1m 4f, Group I, £54759, good to firm, Jun 4, 5 ran) with **ACATENANGO** (9-0) a neck 3rd.

On seasonal debut at Longchamp (1m 2f 110y, Group I, May 3, 10 ran) she beat (8-13) Takfa Yahmed (9-2) 3l.

REFERENCE POINT (8-6) lost nothing in defeat when ¾l 2nd to Mtoto (9-7) in the Eclipse (1m 2f, Group I, £116110, good to firm, Jly 4, 8 ran) with **TRIPTYCH** (9-4) possibly not at home on the firm ground 1½l 3rd.

Earlier (9-0) **REFERENCE POINT** looked better *suited* by the Derby distance of 1m 4f when a 1½l winner from Most Welcome (9-0) with ***SIR HARRY LEWIS (9-0)*** *2l 4th* (Group I, £282024, good, Jun 3, 19 ran).

On seasonal debut (9-0) he ran out *a length* winner over Ascot Knight (9-0) at York (1m 2f 110y, £79983, good to firm, *May 13, 8 ran*).

SIR HARRY LEWIS made amends for his English Derby defeat (see ***REFERENCE POINT***) *with (9-0) a ¾l win* over Naheez (9-0) in the Irish equivalent on soft ground at the Curragh (*1m 4f, Group I, £329250, Jun 27, 8 ran*).

BOURBON GIRL was runner-up in both English and Irish Oaks (see **UNITE**), previously (8-8) a creditable 4l 2nd to Indian Skimmer (8-8) at York (1m 2f 110y, Group III, £36023, good to firm, May 12, 3 ran).

UNITE (9-0) completed the Oaks double when a 3l winner from **BOURBON GIRL** (9-0) at the Curragh (1m 4f, Group I, £101000, good, Jly 11, 8 ran).

Previously showed her ability to handle some cut in the ground when (9-0) a 5l winner from **BOURBON GIRL** (9-0) at Epsom (1m 4f, Group I, £148650, good to soft, Jun 6, 11 ran).

On seasonal debut (8-11) beat In The Habit (8-11) 1½l here over 1m (£8558, good to firm, Apr 29, 14 ran).

Selection: REFERENCE POINT

ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Tahilla.
2.35 Bluebook.
3.20 **REFERENCE POINT** (nap).
3.55 Reprimand.
4.25 Terminator.
4.55 Vague Shot.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 *Ten No Trumps.*
2.35 Aim For The Top.
3.20 Reference Point.
3.55 **REPRIMAND** (nap).
4.25 Polish Count.
4.55 Hard As Iron.

By Michael Seely
3.20 Unite. 4.25 **TERMINATOR** (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 **MAGIC OF LIFE.**

Going: heavy **Draw: no advantage**

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider *plus any allowance. The Times Private* Handicapper's rating.

2.0 DRESDEN DIAMOND STAKES (Ladies: £4,545: 1m) (16 runners) BBC 1

102 (11) 000004 BELOW ZERO 8 (D,F,G,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-10-3 .... Sharon Murgatroyd 69
104 (2) 00/00-00 FOCHE 11 (V,F,G) (R Asser) P Howling 5-10-3 .... Joanna Henry (3) —
106 (3) 0210-24 HAMLOUL 10 (V,G) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 4-10-3 .... Tracey Bailey (3) 65
107 (7) 13400/0 IT'M FOR GALA 14 (D,S) (R Cook) C Holmes 6-10-3 .... Tania Holmes (3) —
108 (1) 233100- KING'S CRUSADE 273 (G) (P Tsakarisianos) D Wintle 4-10-3 Dee Tsakarisianos (3) 57
110 (15) 242 TEN NO TRUMPS 25 (BF) (Mrs P Yong) M Stoute 4-10-0 .... Princess Royal 95
111 (14) 0-02 ROYAL NATIVE 38 (Heathavon Stables) J Spearing 4-9-11 .... Teresa Spearing (3) 71
112 (16) 00-2111 COMMONSIDR GIPSY 23 (D,F,G) (L May) S Norton 3-9-6 .... Jennie Goulding 86
115 (6) 3-40144 SHANNON COTTAGE 25 (F) (R McCreery) D Elsworth 3-9-6 .... Sara Lawrence 91
117 (5) 302011 WATER BOATMAN 4 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-9-6 (3ex) .... Penny Hills 95
119 (12) 2-03340 EMPEROR HOTFOOT 14 (Ld Leverhulme) R J-Houghton 3-9-3 .. Gale J-Houghton 74
120 (13) 004212 KILVARNET 14 (G,S) (N Sweeney) R *Hollinshead* 3-9-3 .... *Maxine Juster* 81
121 (4) 3113-00 RHONDALING 35 (G,S) (Mrs R Hambro) P Walwyn 3-9-3 .... Joanna Winter 88
122 (8) 111-121 TAHILLA 25 (D,F,G) (Lady Derby) J Tree 3-9-3 .... Carolyn Eddery ● 99
123 (9) 000002 TORRANCE 5 (B) (Mrs M Bates) R Hutchinson 3-9-3 .... Elaine Bronson (3) 64
124 (10) 000032 *AVENMORE STAR 17 (B) (Mrs A Murray)* E Wheeler 3-9-0 .... *Linda Mellor (3)* 50

BETTING: 9-4 Tahilla, 3-1 Water Boatman, 11-2 Commonsidr Gipsy, 6-1 Shannon Cottage, 8-1 Ten No Trumps, 12-1 *Kilvarnet*, Rhondaling, 14-1 others.

1986: EVE'S ERROR 3-9-6 Maxine Juster (5-2 fav) M Stoute 16 ran

FORM *TAHILLA* (6-4) got up close home to beat **TEN NO TRUMPS** (8-11) ½l with *SHANNON COTTAGE* (8-5) about 1½l 4th, at Newbury (1m, £3961, good, Jun 30, 6 ran).
COMMONSIDR GIPSY, has won twice at Carlisle (1m) and once at Ripon (1m 4f) this season, on latter occasion under Jennie Goulding in a ladies race, when *(10-5) beating Chabisse (9-8) a short head* (£1432, good, Jun 24, 17 ran).
WATER BOATMAN, odds-on when winning a small Folkestone race recently, earlier (9-0) beat Natski (9-0) ½l at York (1m 4f, £4064, good to firm, Jly 11, 9 ran).
KILVARNET followed up a Chester (7f 122y) victory, with a (9-7) 1½l 2nd to Red Twilight (8-6) over the same course and distance (£3288, good, Jly 11, 9 ran), with **EMPEROR HOTFOOT** (9-6) a well beaten 7th.
RHONDALING, yet to reproduce the form of a (8-13) length 3rd to Sea Dara (9-1) in a Group III race at Phoenix Park last season (7f, £17350, firm, Oct 4, 8 ran).
Selection: TAHILLA

2.35 PRINCESS MARGARET STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O fillies: £11,894: 6f) (6 runners) BBC 1

201 (5) 11 ISTICANNA 42 (D,G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 .... T Quinn 87
202 (2) 1 AIM FOR THE TOP 19 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-8 .... W R Swinburn 86
203 (1) 1 BLUEBOOK 17 (D,F) (Lord Tavistock) H Cecil 8-8 .... S Cauthen 90
204 (4) 31 CLASSY TURN 8 (D,F) (G Pemberton) R Whitaker 8-8 .... D McKeown 70
206 (6) 12 MAGIC OF LIFE 18 (S) (S Niarchos) J Tree 8-8 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
208 (3) 0421 WHAT SPEED 14 (D,G) (M Fustok) M Tompkins 8-8 .... R Cochrane 82

BETTING: 6-4 Bluebook, 3-1 Aim For The Top, 100-30 Magic Of Life, 6-1 Isticanna, 12-1 What Speed, *16-1 Classy Turn.*

1986: HIAAM 8-13 Paul Eddery (4-6 fav) P Walwyn 6 ran

FORM **ISTICANNA** made the expected *improvement on a neck win over* Princess Athena in a Windsor maiden (5f, good) when (8-7) an 8l winner over Isle Of Fury (8-7) in an Italian Listed race (6f, £12597, good to firm, Jun 7, 4 ran).
AIM FOR THE TOP (8-8), a $270,000 daughter of Irish River, landed the odds on Windsor debut (6f, £1770, good to firm, Jly 6, 16 ran) when a 1½l winner from Williams Bird (9-4).
BLUEBOOK (8-11) confirmed favourable reports *with a length win over Ela Romara (8-11) at* Newmarket (6f, £4663, good to firm, Jly 8, 16 ran).
CLASSY TURN, the sole Northern challenger, was *odds-on and showing improved form when (8-9) a 2l* winner from Master Of The Roll (9-0) at Thirsk (6f, £1918, good to firm, Jly 17, 13 ran).
MAGIC OF LIFE (8-9) far from disgraced when 1½l 2nd to the top class Diminuendo (8-9) in the Group III Cherry Hinton at Newmarket (6f, £26784, good to firm, Jly 7, 9 ran).
WHAT SPEED (8-6) maintained her consistent record with a 4l win over Mohibban (8-12) at Chester *(6f, £2939, good, Jly 11, 6 ran).*
Selection: MAGIC OF LIFE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Stoute	37	160	23.1	*Pat Eddery*	39	233	16.7
H Cecil	27	118	22.9	W Carson	38	245	15.5
J Tree	14	63	22.2	*W R Swinburn*	28	183	15.3
B Hills	20	127	15.7	B Thomson	10	68	14.7
L Cumani	8	52	15.4	S Cauthen	31	242	12.8
J Dunlop	16	119	13.4	R Cochrane	7	71	9.9

3.20 KING GEORGE VI AND THE QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES (Group I: £182,790: 1m 4f) (9 runners) BBC 1

RUNNERS AND RIDERS SEE ABOVE

3.55 EBF GRANVILLE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O *C&G*: £7,999: 6f) (7 runners)

402 (5) *DWOWNEDD (P Niarchos)* J Tree 9-0 .... Pat Eddery —
403 (2) EXPOUND (Mrs C Heath) J Bethell 9-0 .... W Carson —
405 (5) NUDGE DOUBLE UP (H Parker) J Edwards 9-0 .... R Cochrane —
407 (3) POINT OF LIGHT (T Ramsden) G Lewis 9-0 .... G Sexton —
410 (1) REPRIMAND (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 .... S Cauthen —
412 (4) STAR OF OUGHTERARD (J Neville) M McCormack 9-0 .... J Reid —
413 (7) VALIDATE (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0 .... C Asmussen —

BETTING: Evens Reprimand, 7-4 Dwownedd, 12-1 Expound, Validate, 14-1 Point Of Light, 16-1 Star Of *Oughterard, 20-1 Nudge Double Up.*

1986: NAHEEZ 9-0 W R Swinburn (11-4) D Elsworth 6 ran

DWOWNEDD (foaled: Apr 4) by extremely successful sire Nureyev out of a dam who has produced a *middle distance winner in France.*
NUDGE DOUBLE UP (foaled: Apr 24, *cost: 6,200 gns) closely related to a selling winner in this* country, a winner in Sweden and decent sprinter Tennis Tune. Stable have had a few juvenile successes this term and **NUDGE DOUBLE UP** is by promising first crop sire Hays.
REPRIMAND *(foaled: Apr 13, cost: 110,000gns)* should be pretty sharp being by prolific sire of juvenile winners Mummy's Pet out of a well related but unraced dam. The subject of some favourable *gallop reports.*
STAR OF OUGHTERARD (foaled: Mar 21, cost: 16,000gns) *half-brother to unraced three year old* Chiropodist, by good first season sire Horage.
VALIDATE (foaled: Feb 23, cost: 66,000gns) dam nicely bred and has produced a useful performer in New Tick (miler). Sire, Valiyar has already had a *winner from first crop.*
No Selection

4.25 SANDRINGHAM HANDICAP STAKES (£8,298: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

505 (3) 002402 RANA PRATAP 15 (F,G,S) (Mrs G Thornberry) G Lewis 7-9-10 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
506 (2) 2001-10 BEN ADHEM 52 (D,BF,F,G) (G Kidd) H Candy 5-9-7 .... J Carter (5) 95
507 (7) 2122 POLISH COUNT 17 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-7 .... W R Swinburn 95
509 (10) 400-310 LANDSKI 22 (D,F,G) (B Munro-Wilson) P Cole 4-9-5 .... T Quinn 95
510 (4) 0-00220 *NICOLA WYNN 15 (S) (C Harper) D Elsworth 4-9-3 .... C Asmussen* 92
512 (8) 000211 TERMINATOR 7 (D,G,S) (D Phang) H Candy 4-9-1 (4ex) .... R Curant 97
513 (6) 002033 ANDARTIS 2 (G) *(S Dinsmore) P Haslam 4-9-0* .... T Williams 92
514 (9) 00-1040 RUNNING FLUSH 24 (V,D,F,G,S) (N Capon) P Howling 5-8-12 .... P Cook 98
517 (1) 1-40133 *MELODY MAKER 17 (G,S) (Mrs P Shaw) B Hills 3-8-11 .... J Reid* 94
518 (5) 001040 BLACK COMEDY 5 (D,F,S) (Mrs W Gerhauser) M Ryan 4-8-10 .... P Waldron 93

BETTING: 5-2 Rana Pratap, 7-2 Polish Count, Terminator, 8-1 Melody Maker, 10-1 Ben Adhem, Landski, 12-1 Running Flush, 14-1 others.

1986: ROYAL HALO 5-9-8 Pat Eddery (4-1) G Harwood 6 ran

FORM **POLISH COUNT**, an improving sort, finished (9-7) ½l 2nd to Wilkeswrightoncue (7-13) with **MELODY MAKER** (8-12) *a length away 3rd* at Newmarket (1m 2f, £8503, good to firm, Jly 8, 8 ran); the soft ground could pose *problems*
LANDSKI up to form under a stiff task last time, previously (8-9) beat Cynomis (8-8) 2½l with a slightly unlucky **RANA PRATAP** (9-6) a head and a short head back in 4th at Sandown (1m 2f, £8064, good, *Jun 13, 11 ran).*
Prior to that **RANA PRATAP** (8-7) beaten 2l by Boldden (7-11) *with* **LANDSKI** (7-11), needing the race, ¾l 3rd, **BEN ADHEM** (8-7) 3¼l 6th and **BLACK COMEDY** (7-7) well back in 9th at Epsom (1m 2f, £15972, good, Jun 2, 18 ran).
TERMINATOR (9-4) is improving and acts on soft - *beat Bold Archer (8-2) 2½l at Ripon last time (1m 2f,* £4987, good to soft, Jly 18, 10 ran).
BLACK COMEDY, very consistent of late, is not out of it if reproducing (9-7) a 2¾l 4th to Portogon (9-0) at Kempton (1m 1f, £3460, firm, Jly 1, 11 ran) but may prefer it a little firmer.
Selection: POLISH COUNT

4.55 CROCKER BULTEEL HANDICAP STAKES (£8,181: 1m) (11 runners)

601 (11) 0-20031 VAGUE SHOT 38 (CD,F,G,S) (A Anthony) R Casey 4-9-10 .... S Cauthen 95
603 (5) 03-4210 HABER 18 (G,S) (A Clore) B Hills 4-8-12 .... C Asmussen 96
606 (3) 3-10040 STAR OF A GUNNER 30 (D,F,G,S) (J Neville) R Holder 7-8-7 .... J Reid ● 99
607 (7) 100-004 FREEDOM'S CHOICE 33 (D,F,G,S) (O M Phipps) J Dunlop 5-8-6 .... W Carson 94
608 (9) 040-300 SIT THIS ONE OUT 14 (G,S) (P Goulandris) D Laing 4-8-4 .... B Thomson 97
609 (1) 01 TAYSHA 31 (S) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-8-3 .... P Cook 95
613 (2) *004002 SAILOR'S SONG 14 (F,G,S) (Introgroup Holdings Ltd)* N Vigors 5-7-13 S Dawson 98
614 (8) 040000 ALL AGREED 14 (F,G,S) (I Matthews) J Matthews 6-7-10 .... A Mackay 98
615 (10) *1300-12 ABUTAMMAM 82 (D,F,S) (D Turner)* C Benstead 4-7-10 .... — 95
616 (4) 001100 HARD AS IRON 24 (BF,F,G) (M Wickens) P Haslam 4-7-10 .... T Williams 97
618 (6) 1000-33 SUPER TRIP 28 (CD,F,G) *(Mrs M F-Godley)* M Fetherston-Godley 6-7-8 .... R Fox 95

BETTING: 7-2 Vague Shot, 4-1 Taysha, 6-1 Sailors Song, Star Of A Gunner, 8-1 Haber, Super Trip, 10-1 Abutammam, Freedom's Choice, 12-1 others.

1986: SUPER TRIP 5-7-9 C Rutter (8-1) M Fetherston-Godley 12 ran

FORM **VAGUE SHOT** relished the soft ground in the Royal Hunt Cup here (9-5) when a strong *finishing 1½l winner from Granny's* Bank (8-1) (1m, £29512, Jun 17, 25 ran), with **HARD AS IRON** (7-11) about 1½ 5th and **SAILOR'S SONG** *(8-6)* out of the first eleven.
HABER, no show in the Bunbury Cup (7f) at Newmarket *last time previously (9-10)* beat Irishpour (8-6) 1½l at Doncaster (7f, £5745, good, Jun 12, 8 ran).
Earlier still (9-5) ran ¾l 2nd to Mawsuff (9-3) at Epsom with **ALL AGREED** (8-8) less than 2l 5th (7f *11y, £7609, good, Jun 3, 11 ran).*
STAR OF A GUNNER, winner of the Lincoln (1m) at the start of the season, revels in the soft. Had his *ground on penultimate start in a Group III race at* Baden-Baden when (9-7) about 7l 4th to Krotz (8-10) (1m, £15789, soft, May 24, 7 ran).
SIT THIS ONE OUT, below form since (9-8) finishing 3l 3rd to Prince Merandi (7-9) at Brighton (1m, *£4456, good, Jun 22, 7 ran*), with **FREEDOM'S CHOICE** (9-9) 2½l 4th.
TAYSHA *(8-8) easy 3l winner from La Pantana (8-8)* at Kempton (7f, £2083, good to soft, Jun 24, 8 ran) and has plenty of scope for improvement.
Selection: STAR OF A GUNNER

● Although the official going at Ascot *remains* heavy, the conditions appeared to present remarkably few problems yesterday.

Leading jockey Steve Cauthen said: "They're going through it well. I'm looking forward to riding Reference Point."

NEWCASTLE

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Golden Beau. 2.45 Buckra Mellisuga. 3.15 Durham Place. 3.45 Mayohora. 4.15 Green's Old Master. 4.45 Au Courant. 5.15 Jeannie Earl.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Golden Beau. 2.45 Buckra Mellisuga. 3.45 Quai D'Orsay. 4.15 Green's Old Master. 4.45 Au Courant. 5.15 Blues Player.

Going: good ***Draw: no advantage***

2.15 FORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (£1,278: 1m 1f) (12 runners)

2 2131 LUCKY WEST 10 (F,G,S) G Moore 4-9-12 (5ex) S Wood 12
3 -000 BELLA BANUS 12 (C,F,S) W A Stephenson 5-9-10 J Carr 1
4 0003 SHELLMAN 7 (D,G,S) K Stone 5-9-10 .... P Burke (5) 2
5 0402 GOLDEN BEAU 10 (F,G,S) D Morley 5-9-4 Dale Gibson (5) 3
6 3-40 NICOLINI 18 (BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-13 Wendy Carter 11
9 2420 COMBERMERE 31 (B,S) J W Watts 3-8-10 A Gorman (5) 8
11 0002 TRY SCORER 11 (S) Denys Smith 5-8-10 .... P Hill 7
13 0041 GOOD N SHARP 12 (F) Mrs G Reveley 6-8-8 (5ex) S Quane (3) 4
14 3404 KAMARESS 8 (F) M Brittain 5-8-7 .... — 9
15 2034 *SHARRY HILL 10 Roy Robinson 4-8-4* .... — 5
16 0000 NUGOLA 19 (F) E Incisa 5-7-10 .... Julie Bowker 6
17 *0000 HAPPY HARRIET 35* J Parkes 3-7-7 Debbie Wheatley (5) 10

7-2 Good N Sharp, 9-2 Golden Beau, 6-1 Try Scorer, Combermere, 7-1 Lucky West, 8-1 Kamaress, 10-1 others.

2.45 BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,048: 1m) (5)

3 0224 BUCKRA MELLISUGA 45 J Toller 9-7 .... W Ryan 5
4 0413 ANTINOUS 7 (D,BD,F,S) M H Easterby 9-3 .. M Birch 1
5 10-0 ABU MUSLAB 28 (G) B Hanbury 9-0 .... M Hills 4
8 0040 KALA'S IMAGE 22 (B,F,G) G Moore 7-7 ... S Wood (7) 2
9 4000 GROSSEN 10 M Camacho 7-7 .... L Charnock 3

7-4 Antinous, 5-2 Abu Muslab, 11-4 Buckra Mellisuga, 7-1 Kala's Image, 12-1 Grossen.

3.15 GREENALL'S BREWERY HANDICAP STAKES (£4,612: 5f) (11)

3 0000 LOCHIVOR 14 (D,S) *M H Easterby 3-9-10 .... M Birch 8*
4 4413 DURHAM PLACE 15 (B,D,F,G) K Brassey 5-9-9 S Whitworth 10
5 3002 CHAPLINS CLUB 3 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 7-9-5 K Darley 3
6 3401 RAMBLING RIVER 19 (V,CD,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 10-9-2 J Lowe 5
7 0002 SANDITTON PALACE 19 (D,F,G) P Felgate 4-8-11 — 6
8 0400 THE HILCOTE CLUB 7 (V,D,F,S) R Whitaker 4-8-10 K Bradshaw (5) 4
9 0001 CELTIC BIRD 7 (D,F,G,S) J Balding 7-8-8 (6ex) ... — 2
10 0031 PERGODA 12 (B,D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 9-8-6 (5ex) S Wood (7) 7
11 3432 BENZ BELLE 28 (BF) M H Easterby 3-8-4 L Charnock 1
12 40-0 *PENDOR DANCER 5 (V,D,F,G)* J Berry 4-8-4 *N Carlisle 8*
14 2320 TAYLOR OF SOHAM 8 (F) D Leslie 4-7-11 D J Williams (5) 11

4-1 Rambling River, 5-1 Sanditton Palace, Chaplins Club, 7-1 *Lochivor*, 8-1 Benz Belle, Celtic Bird, 10-1 others.

3.45 COUPLAND SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,505: 7f) (14)

4 000 COSMIC RAY 38 S Muldoon 8-11 .... — 3
7 00 GLENCREE 21 K Stone 8-11 .... G Brown 11
9 *000 GREEN BAIZE 28 K Stone 8-11* .... — 5
12 0 LIFE'S A LARK 10 T Barron 8-11 .... D Nicholls 6
14 23 *MAYOHORA 23 (B,BF)* C Tinkler 8-11 .... M Birch 4
15 0034 MOTTRAM'S GOLD 8 M Brittain 8-11 .... K Darley 1
16 3030 NO TOPS 56 J Berry 8-11 .... J Carroll (5) 7
17 00 PIELD HEATH 9 P Haslam 8-11 .... D J Williams (5) 10
19 00 QUAI D'ORSAY 10 P Haslam 8-11 .... E Guest 9
20 0010 ROYAL COURSE 14 (D,G) J Wainwright 8-11 M Hindley 12
22 *0000 THE OVERNIGHT MAN 21 B McMahon 8-11* .... — 8
23 00 TOP HINGE 28 S Norton 8-11 .... J Lowe 2
24 0340 GENEROUS MOOD 8 M H Easterby 8-6 K Hodgson 14
26 0000 MIDDLESTONE MOVER 18 W A Stephenson 8-6 J Carr (5) 13

5-2 Pield Heath, 3-1 Royal Course, 7-2 Mayohora, 6-1 Generous Mood, 8-1 Mottram's Gold, 10-1 others.

4.15 SEAHOUSES MAIDEN STAKES (£1,530: 1m 1f) (8)

1 A GENTLEMAN D Yeoman 4-9-4 .... J Carroll (5) 2
3 ROMAN DELIGHT J Charlton 6-9-4 .... P Burke (7) 6
6 023 GOLDEN VEST 21 M H Easterby 3-8-8 .... M Birch 7
7 3044 GREEN'S OLD MASTER 29 W Jarvis 3-8-8 .... M Hills 4
8 00 HALLCROSS 22 Miss S Hall 3-8-8 .... — 8
11 00 RAPSCALLION 51 M Johnston 3-8-8 .... R P Elliott 5
17 00 HURRICANE ROSE 8 J Etherington 3-8-5 .... K Darley 1
21 2000 *SUNLEY PARK STREET 30 (B) C Brittain 3-8-5 J Lowe 3*

6-4 Green's Old Master, 9-4 Sunley Park Street, 5-2 Golden Vest, 6-1 Hallcross, 12-1 Hurricane Rose, 20-1 others.

4.45 NORHAM STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,162: 5f) (7)

3 48 AU COURANT 16 J Hindley 8-11 .... M Hills 4
4 1 *BELLEFIRE 22 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11* .... *M Birch* 1
6 004 FORTINBRAS 18 E Weymes 8-11 .... W Ryan 2
7 000 HARKEN PREMIER 7 W Pearce 8-11 .... D Nicholls 3
8 000 MAY OVER 17 B McMahon 8-11 .... NON-RUNNER 5
10 0 FLOATING NOTE 84 J Wainwright 8-6 .... L Charnock 6
11 0 MRS MCCAUBER 42 W A Stephenson 8-6 .... J Lowe 7

5-4 Au Courant, 7-4 Bellefire, 4-1 Fortinbras, 16-1 Mrs McCauber, 20-1 others.

5.15 BOTHAL MAIDEN STAKES (£2,392: 2m) (6)

1 000- NO IDEA 270 E Weymes 4-9-5 .... — 6
2 */020 POONA EXPRESS 33 J Parkes 6-9-5 .... P Burke (7)* 3
5 0- GIFTED NEPHEW 283 C Tinkler 3-8-5 .... M Birch 1
6 303 *BLUES PLAYER 18* A Bailey 3-8-2 .... J Carr (5) 2
7 0003 FREE SKIP 8 P Felgate 3-8-2 .... — 5
8 3 JEANNIE EARL 23 C Nelson 3-8-2 .... M Hills 4

6-4 Blues Player, 7-4 Jeannie Earl, 4-1 Gifted Nephew, 7-1 *Free Skip*, 25-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Hindley, 8 winners from 30 runners, 26.7%; R Whitaker, *8 from 68, 11.8%; J Etherington, 11 from 95, 11.6%;* J W Watts, 12 from 105, 11.4%; S Norton, 8 from 76, 10.5%; K Stone, *11 from 105*, 10.5%.

JOCKEYS: M Birch, 26 winners from 192, 13.5%; K Hodgson, 8 from 79, 10.1%; L Charnock, 14 from 140, 10.0%; J Lowe, 19 from 210, 9.0% (Only qualifiers).

Yesterday's results

Ascot

Going: heavy

2.0 (1m 2f) 1, **KING OF MERCIA** (R Cochrane, 4-1); 2, **Mountain Kingdom** (M Roberts, 8-13 fav); 3, **Professional Girl** (S Cauthen, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Dilman (4th), 33 Karabat (5th). 5 ran. ¾l, 3l, 7l, 15l. L Cumani at *Newmarket*. Tote: £6.10; *£2.00, £1.10. DF: £2.40. CSF:* £6.73. 2min 15.25sec.

2.30 (6f) 1, **YOUNG INCA** (J Reid, 4-1 jt-fav: *Mandarin's nap*); 2, **Our Jock** (*W* Carson, 5-1); 3, **Tauber** (Pat Eddery, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Abathatc (4th), 5 Gods Lane (5th), 8 No Beating Harts, 16 Dunenny (6th), 20 Rosie Dickins. 8 ran. sh hd, 3l, 1l, ¾l, 1½l. L Cottrell at Cullompton. Tote: £5.20; £1.40, £1.20, £1.80. DF: *£7.70. CSF: £22.45. Tricast: £75.99. 1min* 20.45sec.

3.0 (6f) 1, **ASHAYER** (W Carson, 11-8 fav); 2, **Baby Marie** (W Newnes, 13-2); 3, ***Madam de Saul*** *(P Bloomfield, 10-1).* ALSO RAN: 9-2 Hajar (6th), 5 Light Romance (5th), 8 Silent Sister (4th). 6 ran. 1l, 2l, 5l, 3l, 3l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £2.60; £1.70, £2.90. DF: £7.90. CSF: £9.56. 1min 20.17sec.

3.30 (2m) 1, **WHITE MILL** (J Williams, 15-8 fav); 2, **Chucklestone** (N Adams, 7-1); 3, **Ricmar** (M Roberts, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Senor Tomas (6th), 13-2 *Milton* Burn (5th), 10 The Main Man (4th). 6 ran. nk, 10l, 1½l, 2l, dist. G Balding at Fyfield. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £4.50. DF: £9.40. CSF: £13.83. 3min 41.83sec.

4.5 (7f) 1, **ZELPHI** (Pat Eddery, 100-30); 2, **Defence Policy** (S Cauthen, 13-8 fav); 3, **Watertight** (M Roberts, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Gaelic Fog, 9 Park Street (5th), 14 Jubail, 20 Tailspin (6th), 25 Ecu d'Or (4th), 33 Glen Oak. 9 ran. 2l, sh hd, ¾l, 1½l, 1½l. J Tree *at Beckhampton. Tote: £3.30;* £1.50, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £2.40. CSF: £8.55. 1min 35.38sec.

4.35 (1m) 1, **LOCAL HERO** (*L Dettori*, Evens fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, **Red River Boy** (S. *Quane*, 5-1); 3, **Grundy Lane** (*D* Dunnachie, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Stonebroker (4th), 9 Ready Wit (5th), 16 Steel Cygnet (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, nk, ¾l, 12l, 4l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £4.30. CSF: £6.65. 1min 48.56sec. After a stewards' inquiry and objection the result stood.

Jackpot: £2,510. Placepot: £3.40.

Carlisle

Going: good to soft

2.15 (6f) 1, ***MASTER OF THE ROLL*** (D McKeown, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, **Rakes Lane** (G *Duffield, 5-1*); 3, ***Rays Honor*** (K Darley, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Cat-Arrowed (5th), 7-2 Y V Tucker (4th), 14 After The Gloom, 16 Avandav, Cold Kummel, 20 Potato King, 33 Buzzards Maid, Emmabemagic, North Hollow, Nutacre, Peanuts Pet, 50 John Nick, 100 Amber Loch. 18 ran. NR: *Our Krystle*. 2l, 2l, 2½l, 2l, 1½l. *Mrs J* Ramsden at Hambleton. Tote: £4.20; £2.20, £1.90, £7.90. DF: £7.30. CSF: £19.87.

2.45 *(6f)* 1, ***VIA VITAE*** (G Hind, 7-1); 2, **Pretty Soon** (L Charnock, 7-2); 3, **Debbie Do** (J Lowe, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Duffer's Dancer (4th), 11-2 Ever So Sharp (5th), 8 Henry's Venture, 14 Ra Ra Girl (6th), *15 Royal Rouser*. 8 ran. Sh hd, 2l, 5l, 2l, 3l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £8.30; £2.30, £1.70, £2.80. DF: £9.90. CSF: £30.17. Tricast: £122.10.

3.15 *(1m)* 1, ***LORD IT OVER*** (G King, 13-2); 2, **What Moss** (L Raggio, 33-1); 3, **Moores Metal** (R Lappin, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Riva Renald (5th), 11-2 Little Newington (6th), 6 *Bainarino* (4th), 8 Priceoflove, 33 Woodpecker Boy. 8 ran. NR: Camallino Rose, Escudero. 2l, 3l, 1l, 2l, 5l. *M Tompkins at Newmarket*. Tote: £13.30; £3.20, £3.90, £1.70. DF: £152.20. CSF: £125.94. Tricast: £1,208.02.

3.45 (1m) 1, **OCEAN HOUND** (D Nicholls, 7-2); 2, **City Final** (S Perks, 7-1); 3, **Funny Sarah** (P Robinson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Melgrove, 8 Blow For Home (4th), 10 Fir Trading (6th), 12 Rockets Oak, 16 Sweet Mary Lou, 20 Sound As A Pound (5th), Susesandy, Vaigly Yellow, 25 G *Green's Seymour, Sapphanno*, 33 Arkendale, Send It Down, Miss Sherbrooke. 16 ran. ½l, sh hd, ¾l, 6l, 1½l. R Stubbs at Middleham. Tote: £4.90; £2.70, £1.70, £3.30. DF: £7.80. CSF: £28.68.
Mini Rose (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, *deduction 5p in pound*. No bid.

4.15 (1m) 1, **MONTFORT** (B Raymond, 4-5 fav); 2, **Maj'd** (N Howe, 4-1); 3, **Provolo** (T Ives, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 100 Mr Pastry (4th), Dearest Love (5th). 5 ran. NR: Riot Squad. 2½l, 3l, nk, 30l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £3.69. CSF: £4.25.

4.45 (1m 4f) 1, **RUSTIC TRACK** (G Hind, 12-1); 2, **Ben's Birdie** (P Robinson, 11-2); 3, **Ivoroski** (L Charnock, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Longstop, 5 Shiny Kay, 15-2 Chablisse (6th), Running Money, 9 Well Covered (4th), 12 My Derye, 14 Kelsey Lady (5th), 18 Gray Heat, 40 Dialect, Galatch. 13 ran. ½l, 2½l, 1½l, nk, 1½l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £22.10; £5.50, £3.40, £2.30. DF: £187.40. CSF: £75.70. Tricast: £523.90.

Placepot: £138.90

Thursday's late returns

Chepstow

Going: soft

7.35 (2m) 1, **Island King** (J Williams, 5-1); 2, **Grotius** (5-1); 3, **Glory Line** (11-2). *Area Code 7-4 fav. 7 ran. 4l, 1l.* G Balding. Tote: £5.10; £2.20, £3.10. DF: £10.90. CSF: £26.35.

8.5 (1m 2f) 1, **Pathos** (J Reid, 20-1); 2, **Miss Antibes** (20-1); 3, **Tecana** (9-2). Hyatti 5-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Cafe Society. 3l, 1l. B Hills. Tote: £17.30; £2.50, £3.60, £1.50. *DF: £154.40. CSF: £304.67.*

8.35 (6f) 1, **Draguse** (T Quinn, 7-1); 2, *Young Lochinvar* (8-1); 3, **Holts Way** (4-1). Bertrade 3-1 fav. 9 ran. ½l, ¾l, K Brassey. Tote: £7.50; £2.40, £2.80, £1.60. DF: £23.10. CSF: £55.07. Tricast: £230.10.

9.5 *(7f)* 1, **Rankstreet** (W Newnes, 20-1); 2, **Albyn Lady** (6-4); 3, **As Sharp** (6-1). Beauchamp Buzz 11-8 fav. 13 ran. NR: Approaching Star, Dayajeer. Hd, 2l. S Christian. Tote: £15.80; £2.10, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £17.20. **Placepot: £106.60.**

Hamilton Park

Going: firm

7.45 (6f) 1, **Minizen Lass** (K Darley, 9-2); 2, **Deinopus** (5-1); 3, **Leven Lass** (16-1). This Sensation 7-2 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, ½l. M Brittain. Tote: £4.50; £1.40, £1.60, *£5.30. DF: £8.60. CSF: £25.44. Tricast:* £298.65.

8.15 (1m 3f) 1, **Treyarnon** (P Burke, 3-1); 2, **Relatively Easy** (6-4 fav); 3, **Park Mill** (10-1). *7 ran. 1l, 8l.* P Monteith. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £1.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.80.

8.45 (1m 5f) 1, **Pink Sensation** (J Lowe, 9-2); 2, **Apple Wine** (6-1); 3, **Minzen Lad** (9-1). Pinwiddie 7-4 fav. 11 ran. 5l, 2l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £4.90; £1.30, £2.10, £3.20. DF: £14.20. CSF: £31.10. Tricast: £215.91.

9.0 (1m 40yd) ***Mountain Memory*** (N Howe) walked over. P Walwyn.

Placepot: £27.35.

Bleasdale cleared

Jimmy Bleasdale has been *cleared of any breaches of the* Rules of Racing following an investigation by the Jockey Club.

Bleasdale had been accused of asking for £500 to "stick up" for Steve Perks after the Felix Leach Maiden Stakes at Newmarket on May 30, in which Perks's *mount*, Persian Emperor, was disqualified for interference.

However, the Jockey Club's security department has decided that Bleasdale has no case to answer.

● Rakaposhi King (Steve Cauthen) will start a short-priced favourite to give Henry Cecil another group one win when he lines up for the £42,105 Grosser Preis Von Berlin over 1½ miles at Dusseldorf tomorrow. Sharp Noble (Tony McGlone) also contests the race.

● Groom Dancer, seventh in the Epsom Derby, tackles the £21,291 Prix Daphnis (1m 1f) at Evry today.

MOTOR RACING

Mansell emerges as the yardstick in qualifying round

From John Blunsden, Hockenheim

The domination of the Nigel Mansell-Canon Williams-Honda combination continued here yesterday throughout the first day of practice and qualifying for tomorrow's German Grand Prix. Mansell finished fastest in both sessions, and although Ayrton Senna offered strong resistance and at one stage held the provisional pole position with his Camel Lotus-Honda, Mansell retaliated with a lap during which he had to overtake four other cars to set the day's quickest time with eight minutes to go.

Senna, who a week ago emerged shaken but unscathed from a high-speed accident while testing here, had another busy few moments during qualifying when he went for fourth gear at the third chicane and found neutral instead. He managed the left part of the S-bend, then shot off the track for about 200 yards before regaining the tarmac with the underside of his car somewhat the worse for wear.

He then switched to his race car, set his best lap in it, heard that Mansell had gone even quicker, then had a final effort at retrieving the best time, only to come to grief on the final corner and once again go grass-cutting.

Senna was none the less pleased with the progress the team had made in improving his car's aerodynamic balance. "It's now just about right in qualifying trim," he said. "Now we have to get it right for the race."

The Marlboro McLaren team were able to mount a stronger challenge to the two Williams than recently until the engines in the cars of both Alain Prost and Stefan Johansson began to lose revs towards the end of qualifying. However, their chassis were handling with impressive nimbleness on a track which, because of its high speed straights and relatively slow chicanes, always calls for delicate and sometimes elusive compromises in chassis set-ups.

"It is much more difficult than Silverstone in this respect," Mansell said. Derek Warwick agreed: "In an effort to keep up with the Honda-powered cars we are running with very little wing indeed. As a result, my Arrows-Megatron has been very skittish today, even on the straight. Maybe we shall have to use a spot more wing tomorrow to give us some extra downforce, but we've also got to watch our fuel consumption — too much drag and you use too much fuel.

Fifth place for Michele Alboreto behind Nelson Piquet's Williams (which was delayed by a turbo problem) provided quite a boost for Ferrari, but Gerhard Berger emerged from the other Ferrari with a badly cricked neck after suffering a breakage of the left front suspension at the right-hand corner after the pits. His car went straight on into a tyre barrier.

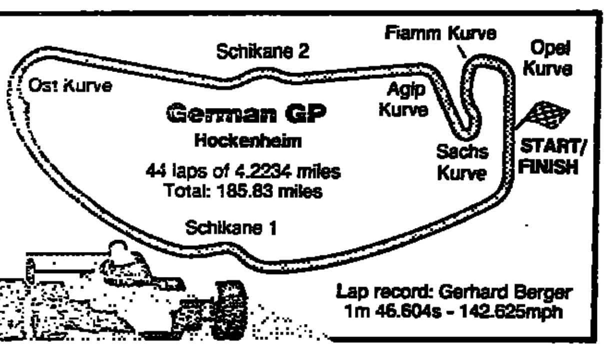
The Benetton team are in good heart after discovering that the consumption rate of their Ford turbos is showing a considerable improvement over the Silverstone figures, but Martin Brundle ended the day frustrated that a whole series of niggling problems had prevented him from putting in a fully representative time with his Zakspeed.

Amongst the normally aspirated cars, Philippe Alliot's Larrousse Lola is setting the pace, and at least these cars have no fuel consumption problems as they enjoy the prospect of running through without a tyre stop as at least some compensation for their 10sec-a-lap speed deficit compared with the quickest turbos.

QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, N Mansell (GB), Canon Williams-Honda, 1min 42.616sec; 2, A Senna (Br), Camel Lotus-Honda, 1:42.873; 3, A Prost (Fr), Marlboro McLaren-TAG, 1:43.202; 4, N Piquet (Br), Canon Williams-Honda, 1:43.705; 5, M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1:43.921; 6, T Boutsen (Bel), Benetton-Ford, 1:45.066; 7, A De Cesaris (It), Brabham-BMW, 1:45.411; 8, S Johansson (Swe), Marlboro McLaren-TAG, 1:45.428; 9, T Fabi (It), Benetton-Ford, 1:45.497; 10, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:45.902; 11, R Patrese (It), Brabham-BMW, 1:46.096; 12, R Arnoux (Fr), Ligier Loto-Megatron, 1:46.323; 13, D Warwick (GB), USF and G Arrows-Megatron, 1:46.525; 14, S Nakajima (Japan), Camel Lotus-Honda, 1:46.760; 15, E Cheever (US), USF and G Arrows-Megatron, 1:47.780; 16, A Nannini (It), Minardi-Moderni, 1:47.887; 17, P Ghinzani (It), Ligier Loto-Megatron 1:49.236; 18, A Campos (Sp), Minardi-Moderni, 1:49.668; 19, M Brundle (GB), West Zakspeed, 1:51.062; 20, C Danner (WG), West Zakspeed, 1:51.448; 1, P Alliot (Fr), Larrousse Lola-Cosworth Ford, 1:52.760; 22, P Streiff (Fr), Courtaulds Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford, 1:53.528; 23, J Palmer (GB), Courtaulds Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford, 1:54.491; 24, I Capelli (It), Leyton House March-Cosworth Ford, 1:54.616; 25, P Fabre (Fr), El Charro AGS-Cosworth Ford, 1:54.997; 26, A Caffi (It), Landis and Gyr Osella-Alfa Romeo, 6:04.561.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: 1, Senna, 31pts; equal 2, Mansell and Piquet, 30; 4, Prost, 26; 5, Johansson, 13; 6, Berger, 9; 7, Alboreto, 8; 8, Nakajima, 6, equal 9, de Cesaris and Cheever, 4; 11, Fabi, 3; equal 12, Boutsen, Brundle, Palmer and Warwick, 2; equal 16, Arnoux, Capelli and Streiff, 1.

CONSTRUCTORS' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Williams-Honda, 60pts; 2, McLaren-TAG, 39; 3, Lotus-Honda, 37; 4, Ferrari, 17; 5, Arrows-Megatron, 6; 6, Benetton-Ford, 5; 7, Brabham-BMW, 4; 8, Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford, 3; 9, Zakspeed, 2; equal 10, Ligier Megatron and March-Cosworth Ford 1.



Thirsty work: Alain Prost takes a break after setting the third fastest time in practice

FOOTBALL

Manchester City see Wark as the man to revive them

From Ian Ross, Munich

Manchester City hope to launch their rebuilding programme by signing John Wark, Liverpool's unsettled former Scottish international. Mel Machin, the new manager at Maine Road, is believed to have made an approach earlier this week.

Wark, aged 29, is officially on the transfer list and known to be keen to find regular first-team football away from Anfield. The likelihood is that serious negotiations will open in two weeks, when Liverpool return from their pre-season tour.

Wark, who was signed from Ipswich Town for £450,000 in March 1984, has been troubled by injuries and unable to command a regular place in Kenny Dalglish's side over the past 12 months. Liverpool are likely to demand a fee of around £150,000.

Wark, who has been a prolific goalscorer from midfield, has been linked with numerous clubs, including Aberdeen and Queen's Park Rangers, since the turn of the year.

Liverpool, having been narrowly beaten by the West German champions, Bayern Munich, on Thursday, have travelled on to Denmark for the first of five more pre-season matches.

Their centre forward, John Aldridge, the man with the awesome task of filling the gaping void created by the departure to Italy of Ian Rush, believes the arrival of Peter Beardsley and John Barnes will prove highly significant.

"Liverpool have signed the three of us to replace Ian," Aldridge said. "It is a collective thing. We must try and combine together as a problem shared is a problem reduced.

"It is nice to have a winger like John playing in the side.

"It seems to be easier to strike something up with such players, because they are always looking to get the ball into the penalty area. I think that showed against Bayern as he set up my goal and I set up his.

"The arrival of Peter and John has taken some of the weight off my shoulders. I was upset by some rumours which had been circulating during the summer which suggested that Liverpool no longer fancied me, but the manager rang me at home from Spain to put my mind at ease," he added.

Beardsley's return is top TV match

Peter Beardsley's first game at Newcastle since his £1.9 million transfer to Liverpool will be the first of next season's Football League matches to be televised live, it was announced yesterday.

Also booked for live transmission early in the season are Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal and the first Merseyside duel of the campaign between Liverpool and Everton. Another game on the schedule, which usually produces entertaining viewing, is the meeting of West Ham United and Manchester United.

However, it is the return of Beardsley, carrying the weight of Britain's record domestic transfer fee, to his native Newcastle which the Football League hopes will capture the imagination of the armchair public. It will certainly be a charged occasion, following Beardsley's bitter comments about his last six months at St James's Park, and the protracted wrangle over his "pay-off" from Newcastle.

The BBC will show that match on Sunday, September 20, at 3.05 p.m., and have also claimed the visit of the champions, Everton, under the new manager, Colin Harvey, to Anfield on November 1.

The Liverpool clubs met six times last season, in the Charity Shield, League, Screensport Super Cup and Littlewoods Cup quarter-final, with Everton failing to register a victory.

Tottenham and Arsenal will, it is hoped, be able to reproduce the quality football they displayed in last season's Littlewoods Cup semi-final when they meet on October 18. Arsenal, two goals down early in the second leg, fought back to earn extra time and then a replay and staged another thrilling comeback in the third match. ITV will screen this game.

West Ham won a five-goal encounter with Manchester United early last season, but their Upton Park encounter was a drab, goalless affair which ITV must hope will be improved upon when they screen it on October 25.

The rest of the live televised League programme has yet be to made final.

Senior buy completed by Bassett

David Bassett, the new manager of Watford, flew back to England from his club's tour of Sweden yesterday to complete the signing of Trevor Senior from Reading for £325,000.

Senior, aged 25, scored 109 goals in four seasons for Reading, but first division managers seemed reluctant to buy him.

The fee is a record for Reading, beating the £175,000 received from Chelsea for Kerry Dixon four years ago. Watford will pay an extra £25,000 if Senior plays for England.

Both Senior and Bassett immediately returned to Sweden, where Watford continue their tour with a game against Hudiksvalls today.

● The Everton players, Kevin Sheedy and Adrian Heath, escaped punishment in a Football Association disciplinary hearing yesterday, despite being found guilty of making gestures to the crowd during a match against Liverpool at Anfield last season.

The pair received a warning about their future conduct.

GOLF

Coles survives to take his lead into third round

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Neil Coles remained in the driving seat in the inaugural Seniors' British Open with a second round of 73 on the Ailsa course at Turnberry yesterday. It was a day for survival rather than heroics, but the phlegmatic Coles breezed along in the 25mph wind, with only a seven at the ninth to impede his progress.

He has a half-way aggregate of 139, which is one under par, and he leads by two strokes from Arnold Palmer (73), Harold Henning (73), of South Africa, and the New Zealander, Bob Charles (74). Gary Player took 75 for a score of 144 and Peter Thomson had a birdie and an eagle in his last four holes for a 73 and an aggregate of 151.

Coles rather surprisingly insisted that he would prefer calmer conditions over the weekend. "My best performances in the Open Championship always came when it wasn't windy," he said. Even so, he appeared to be as at home on the Ailsa course as anybody, although Peter Butler and Brian Huggett each registered a 72.

Coles almost drove the green at the first, where he pitched to six inches for the first of his four birdies. Out in 36, one over par, he seemed poised to take a commanding lead but a wayward drive at the 10th led to an expensive seven. He managed to play the last eight holes in one under par to remain at the head of affairs in the chase for a first prize of £25,000.

Henning found putting the most difficult task as he was buffeted by the wind on the greens. He had four putts at the second hole, which contributed towards an outward half of 40, but he returned to something like an even keel with three birdies in his last six holes.

The strength of the wind was well illustrated at the sixth, where Henning took a driver and still came up short of the green. At the 17th, however, he was on in two with a driver and a seven-iron.

For Charles, a left-hander, it was a grim battle. "Anything under 70° is cold for me," he said. "There was very little feeling in my hands and I consequently lost my touch on the greens."

Charles three-putted on only one occasion, but he was less than satisfied with only four single putts in his round of 74. "I simply don't function these days in this kind of weather," he added.

Player, however, loved every minute of it even if he did not score well. "I'm just putting so badly it's not true," he said. "In the first round I missed 12 putts of less than 12 feet and today it was pretty much the same thing. But this is what the game is all about. You learn that, whatever the conditions are, that is the examination paper put in front of you and I was pleased with the way I played from tee to green."

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 139: N Coles, 66, 73. 141: B Charles (NZ), 67, 74; H Henning (SA), 68, 73; A Palmer (US), 68, 73. 144: G Player (SA), 69, 75. 145: J Hardwick, 72, 73; R Botts (US), 72, 73; P Butler, 73, 72; D Hutchinson (SA), 72, 73. 146: D Scanlan, 73, 73; P Skerritt, 70, 76; B Huggett, 74, 72. 147: A King, 71, 76. 148: N Drew, 73, 75; R Wheelhead, 70, 78; D Snell, 75, 73. 149: M Skerritt, 75, 74. 150: P Thomson (Aus), 77, 73. 151: J Wilkshire, 75, 76; M Moussa (Egypt), 72, 79; C O'Connor, 77, 74.

Davies three shots behind leaders

From Patricia Davies, Edison, New Jersey

That Laura Davies is a remarkable player is taken for granted in Europe and something the Americans are rapidly coming to terms with. On Thursday, in the first round of the United States Women's Open championship at the Plainfield Country Club, Miss Davies returned a level-par 72, which left her three shots behind the leaders, Bonnie Lauer and Dot Germain, players with more than a quarter of a century of professional experience but only three wins between them.

Miss Davies's score was impressive enough, given the sweltering conditions but, as ever, it was her powerful hitting that stunned everybody, literally in one case. Her cousin, Matthew, was innocently chatting to a marshal at one hole, 220 yards from the tee and caught one of Miss Davies's more wayward drives in the chest. Fortunately, he was only bruised and regarded the final score as a more than adequate apology.

It is difficult to stand far enough away from Miss Davies to be entirely safe. The United States Golf Association were measuring the drives at two holes, the seventh and 11th, and on Thursday Miss Davies had them shaking their heads in amazement. At the seventh, she drove 250 yards and at the 11th it was 260, substantially further than the average, which worked out to a more modest 213 and 224 yards respectively. Miss Davies's length helped her collect birdies at three of the four par-five holes on this long, undulating, tree-lined course.

Miss Davies, funnily enough, expressed herself as displeased with her driving and she did hit only six fairways, missing eight. She more than compensated, however, by hitting 13 greens in regulation, something bettered by only 12 of the 152 players who completed the first round.

Miss Davies needed 31 putts, taking three on two greens, the 10th and 11th, where she dropped shots to move to two over par. But birdies at three of the last four holes redeemed her score and she was particularly pleased with her new putter and the help she received from her brother, Tony, her caddie here. "I reckon he's the best putter I know," she said. "He's very good at reading the lines, which is not easy on these greens. There are some big breaks."

Jane Geddes, the defending champion, did not have a happy day on the greens, taking three putts for sixes at three of the long holes but her 75, while disappointing, does not put her out of contention.

Nancy Lopez, seeking her first Open title, was pleased with her 73, commenting: "I felt real calm and stayed patient, not trying to force anything, which is sometimes my problem and not something you can do on open courses which are tougher than the ones we normally play. I had one bad hole, the short 12th, where I mis-hit a six-iron into the water and ended up with a five."

Lotta Neumann, the European Tour's other representative in the field, was disappointed with her 78.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 69: B Lauer, D Germain. 70: K Postlewait. 71: S Palmer, J Rosenthal, A Okamoto (Japan). 72: T Green, M Bozarth, D Richard, A Alcott, L Davies. Other scores: 73: N Lopez. 75: J Geddes. 77: C Pierce (GB). 78: L Neumann (Swe).

Frame in the picture

By John Hennessy

The sudden progression from the under-18s of the Carris Trophy at Moor Park on Thursday to the over-50s of the Frame Trophy at Worplesdon the following day provided a challenge to one's power of adjustment.

But if the silhouettes tended to be portlier, the head cover sparser, the tread statelier and the swings less free-flowing, the seniors did enough yesterday to suggest that there is robust life in the old dogs yet.

The 54-hole competition, initiated last year by David Frame as a kind of half-way house to official senior championships with an age limit of 54, was won by the eponymous donor.

Again he is well placed to take home his handsome piece of silver, for his 73 yesterday, two over par, leaves him in joint second place on 151, three strokes behind Jim Walkinshaw, who has reached Denham by way of Haggs Castle, Royal Troon, and Rye.

Walkinshaw, an enviably young-looking 52, emulated Frame's 73, his score principally marred by three putts at the fourth, six and eighth. "The greens are just perfect," he said.

Ian Harris, aged 62, a lithe former Scottish International, shared second place, unable this time to find the touch that had put him in the lead with a 72 on Thursday.

LEADING SCORES: 148: J R W Walkinshaw (Denham), 75, 73. 151: D W Frame (Worplesdon), 78, 73; I R Harris (Royal Troon), 72, 79. 152: L Smith (North Hants), 73, 79; T F Wallis (Ellesborough) 79, 73. 153: J Nettell (Brockenhurst Manor), 78, 75. 154: D M Holmes (Parkstone), 80, 74. 155: M Ashton (West Hill), 77, 78; C L C Fitzgerald (Cuddington), 79, 76; R L Glading (Mitcham), 73, 82; D H R Holland (Sunningdale) 79, 76; F Latford (Sundridge Park), 77, 78. 156: J M Gregson (Gerrards Cross), 77, 79; A M Middleton (Burnham Beeches), 77, 79. 157: A S Elliott (Brockenhurst Manor), 81, 76; R Eskapa (Coombe Hill), 73, 84.

ATHLETICS

Injury still curses the chosen few

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

Pre-selection for the world championships, having won a European title last year, theoretically gave the likes of Steve Cram, Sebastian Coe and Jack Buckner an opportunity to prepare for Rome next month free from the difficulties of reaching a peak for the trials and again for the championships.

But pre-selection for this trio has also been a prerequisite for injury. Coe is in the worst situation of all. Having decided to dispense with running 800 metre events in major championships, he turned down pre-selection.

Now, after two months of injury, and a week to go to the final trials for Rome, at the AAA championships, he looks likely to miss another world championships.

Cram has had a break of a week from competition to try to ease his way back to form, and he runs in the 1,000 metres at the Pearl Assurance Invitational at Gateshead tomorrow, where Peter Elliott will be his principal rival. Buckner runs the two miles after five weeks away with hamstring problems in his left leg.

Buckner has so far had the quietest season of the three. Coe at least had an early start, whereas Buckner came out late and was injured just after the previous Gateshead meeting, on June 13.

He said yesterday: "I think it's just about right now. Ideally, I'd have preferred a gradual buildup, but with Rome just over a month away, I can't afford that.

"As long as it doesn't get worse, I should be all right. I shall not be worried if the initial performances are not good. I expect them to improve."

YACHTING

Gale gets spare place on Juno

From Barry Pickthall, Guernsey

Tony Gale proved the surprise choice yesterday to replace Mike McIntyre as upwind helmsman aboard Mike Peacock's Humphreys-designed One-tonner Juno when she represents Britain in the Admiral's Cup, starting in Christchurch Bay on Thursday.

The inclusion of McIntyre, Britain's Finn Olympic representative at the Los Angeles Games, within Juno's crew shortly before the British trials, freed the skipper, Andrew Hurst, to concentrate on tactics and contributed greatly towards the yacht's eventual selection to the three-boat team. He was forced to withdraw from the series last weekend because of illness in his family.

Gale, a sailmaker representing the Sobstadt label, was due to crew aboard the Austrian Admiral's Cup entry, I-Punkt, but was chosen for Juno ahead of Chris and Tim Law, New Zealand's former America's Cup skipper, Chris Dixon, and the Americans, Dave Perry and Cam Lewis.

Andrew Hurst, who sailed with Gale aboard Bob Bell's maxi-yacht, Condor, during last year's Southern Ocean Racing Conference off Florida, said that the British yachtsman had been picked for his strong experience offshore and compatibility with the other members of Juno's crew.

In a further move to enhance the yacht's performance, the Swiss national, Michel Maeder, a crew member aboard Britain's 12-metre, White Crusader, will replace the owner, Mike Peacock, in the Channel and Fastnet races, which carry multiple scores.

CRICKET

England's uphill task

By Cathy Harris

England need to win the women's international against Australia convincingly if they are to give themselves a chance of winning the limited-overs series at Canterbury today.

Australia are already one up, so if England win, the series will be decided on run rate following the abandoned game at Guildford. The visitors boast a rate of 5.6 runs per over after their powerful batting at Lord's, which makes England's task particularly onerous.

The fitness of the England all-rounder, Wendy Watson, is still in doubt. Her place will be taken by Patsy Lovell, of Surrey, who has finally been given her chance after 11 years of being on the fringe.

Although the appalling weather has severely restricted both teams' preparations, Australia start the match as favourites. They achieved their first one-day victory over England at Canterbury in 1976 and their professional approach to the game makes them formidable opponents for Carole Hodges and her team.

ENGLAND (from): **C Hodges** (Lancs and Cheshire, capt), **J Brittin** (Surrey), **J Chamberlain** (East Midlands), **J Court** (Middlesex), **K Hicken** (East Midlands), **K Jobling** (Yorkshire), **G McConway** (East Anglia), **S Potter** (West), **G Smith** (Yorkshire), **A Stinson** (Yorkshire), **P Lovell** (Surrey) or **W Watson** (East Midlands), **E Wulcko** (East Anglia).

AUSTRALIA: L Larsen (NSW, capt), **L Fullston** (South Australia), **D Annetts** (NSW), **K Brown** (Victoria), **R Buckstein** (Victoria), **D Emerson** (NSW), **Z Goss** (Western Australia), **B Haggett** (NSW), **C Matthews** (Victoria), **S Moffatt** (NSW), **L Reeler** (NSW).

Umpires: B Vyvyan and S Keen.

SHOOTING

Only glory awaits the Bisley hero

All eyes will be on the Stickledown Range at Bisley today when the Queen's Hundred, the best of 1,300 marksmen and women from many parts of the Commonwealth, make their final effort (Our Shooting Correspondent writes).

The winner, who will be carried off shoulder high behind a military band playing *See the Conquering Hero Come*, will see none of the multi-figured cheques of Wimbledon or the major golf matches.

But the £250 prize, gold medal and signed portrait of the Queen will mean just as much to him or her.

John Pugsley, a veterinary surgeon from Exeter, put every shot in the centre to win the second stage silver medal yesterday with 105, which will be his starting score today.

But there are 11 others only one point behind him, including the former winners, Andrew Tucker, Charles Trotter and Lindsey Pedem. Among the finalists shooting at 900 and 1,000 yards will be at least four women and a wide variety of competitors.

Many would like to see one of the women win, something which has not happened since 1930.

RESULTS: National Trophy: 1, England, 2,050; 2, Scotland, 2,017; 3, Wales, 2,012; 4, Ireland, 1979. **Universities National Match:** 1, English Universities, 810; 2, Scottish, 786; 3, University of Wales 777. **Vizianagram Trophy:** 1, House of Lords, 626; 2, House of Commons, 605. **Alexander Graham Bell Trophy:** 1, UK Cadets, 1,208; 2, Canadian Cadets, 1,204. **Overseas Trophy:** 1, Jersey, 1,227; 2, Canada, 1,212. **Junior Overseas:** 1, Guernsey, 401; 2, Normandy, 399; 3, Kenya, 395. **Kolapore Challenge Cup:** 1, Canada, 1,170; 2, GB, 1,160; 3, Guernsey, 1,150. **Junior Kolapore:** 1, Zimbabwe, 567/188; 2, Kenya, 567/187; 3, Hong Kong 563. **Under-25 International:** 1, Canada, 582; 2, GB, 578. **Chancellors Trophy:** 1, Cambridge University, 1,131; 2, Oxford University, 1,099.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

CRICKET

Fourth Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: England v Pakistan.

Britannic Assurance County Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire.
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Essex.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Yorkshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Kent.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Sussex.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Somerset.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Western division: Newbury (Falkland CC): Berkshire v Wiltshire. Banbury Twenty CC: Oxfordshire v Shropshire.

Women's one-day international
11.0, 55 overs
CANTERBURY: England v Australia.

FOOTBALL

FRIENDLY MATCHES (3.0): Billingham Synthonia v Middlesbrough; Bournemouth v Tottenham; Calne v Swindon (7.0); Chesterfield v Sheffield United; Hereford v Coventry; Morton v Arsenal; Harrogate Town v Sunderland.

BASEBALL

SCOTTISH AMICABLE NATIONAL LEAGUE (2.0): Mersey Mariners v London Warriors; Lancashire Red Sox v Humberside County Bears; Southern Tigers v Nottingham Knights.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: TSB WAAA championships (at Birmingham); GRE British League: First division (at Terence McMillan stadium, Plaistow).
BILLIARDS: World amateur championships (at Belfast).
BOWLS: Middleton Cup: Quarter-finals: Lancashire v Lincolnshire (at Nottingham); Warwickshire v Essex (at St Neots); Sussex v Kent (at Croydon). Gloucestershire v Somerset (at Westinghouse, Chippenham). Home Counties championship: Buckinghamshire v Berkshire (at Wendover). Inter-Counties: Northamptonshire v Herefordshire (at Daventry); Wiltshire v Isle of Wight (Chippenham Town).
CYCLING: Welsh track championships (at Maindy stadium, Cardiff, 10 a.m.); Sherwood CC 25 miles (at Thurgarton, 2.0); Hyde Olympic 25 miles (at Tubley, 2.0); Rutland CC 25 miles (at Blyth, 5.0); Surrey RCC 10 miles (at Cobham, 6 a.m.); Saltburn Grand Prix pro-am: Prologue (6.15); Circuit (8.0).
EQUESTRIANISM: Frome horse trials
GLIDING: Standard-class nationals (at Booker airfield).
GOLF: British Seniors open (at Turnberry); Welsh amateur championship (at Royal Porthcawl). WPGA Bloor homes classic (at Fleming Park).
MODERN PENTATHLON: British junior and women's championships (at Wantage).
MOTOR CYCLING: Racing at Snetterton (12.0) and Cadwell Park (12.30).
MOTOR SPORT: Shell 1,000km endurance race practice day (at Brands Hatch, 9 a.m.); Richard Seaman Memorial trophies meeting (at Oulton Park, 2.0).

SPORT ON TV

TODAY

ATHLETICS: TSB Women's AAA championships from Alexander stadium, Birmingham. ITV: 3 p.m.
CYCLING: Tour de France 1987. Stage 24. Dijon time trial. C4: 6.30 p.m.
GRANDSTAND: Cricket: Fourth Cornhill Insurance Test: England v Pakistan from Edgbaston (see also **BBC2:** 4.40 p.m.). **Canoeing:** World wild water and slalom championships from Bourg St Maurice. **Racing:** 2.0 and 2.35 races and at 3.20 p.m., King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes from Ascot. **BBC1:** 10.55 a.m.-5.05 p.m.
CRICKET: Fourth Test: Further coverage from Edgbaston. **BBC2:** 4.40 p.m. Highlights. **BBC2:** 11.10 p.m.

TOMORROW

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS: Pearl Assurance Invitational from Gateshead. ITV: 2.30 p.m.
CYCLING: Tour de France 1987. Stage 25. Creteil to Paris. **C4:** 6.15 p.m.
SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: Motor Sport: German Grand Prix from Hockenheim; **Cricket:** Refuge Assurance League: Leicestershire v Yorkshire. **BBC2:** 1.30-6.45 p.m.
TOP CROWN: BBC2 invitation pairs crown green bowling tournament from Douglas, Isle of Man. **BBC2:** 8.30 p.m.
GRAND PRIX: Highlights of German Grand Prix from Hockenheim. **BBC2:** 10.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Refuge Assurance League
2.0 to 7.0 unless stated, 40 overs
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Warwickshire.
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Essex.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Yorkshire (1.30 to 6.30).
LORD'S: Middlesex v Derbyshire.
FINEDON: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Somerset.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Knockout final (11.0): Oxford (Christ Church). Cambridgeshire v Cheshire. Western division: Newbury (Falkland CC): Berkshire v Wiltshire; Banbury Twenty CC: Oxfordshire v Shropshire.

FOOTBALL

FRIENDLY MATCHES: Dawlish v Aberdeen (7.0), Westbury v Swindon (3.0)
TOURNAMENT: Isle of Man.

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: National 12 hours championship (at Shipton, 6 a.m.); Saltburn Grand Prix pro-am 110 miles (11.0); Bass North West Grand Prix 90 miles (at Heywood, 2.0); Tooting BC 60 miles (at Cowden, 12.30); Essex CRC 50 miles (at Margaretting, 6 a.m.); Bec CC 25 miles (at Capel, 6 a.m.).
GLIDING: Standard class nationals (at Booker airfield).
GOLF: British Seniors open (at Turnberry). Welsh amateur championship (at Royal Porthcawl)
MODERN PENTATHLON: British junior and women's championships (at Wantage).
MOTOCROSS: British sidecar and 125cc championships: Fourth round (at Weardale and district MC).
MOTOR SPORT: Shell Gemini World sports car championship: 1,000km (at Brands Hatch, 9.50 a.m.); Richard Seaman Memorial trophies meeting (at Oulton Park, 2.0); Championship car races (at Snetterton, 2.0)
POLO: Cartier international (at Windsor).
POWERBOAT RACING: Thanet races (at Margate).
SHOOTING: NRA Prize meeting (at Bisley)
SPEEDWAY: *Speedway Star* Pairs championship (at Poole, 3.0).
TRIATHLON: International series: British leg (at Canterbury)
WINDSURFING: Carlsberg Mistral series (at Hythe).
GENERAL: World wheelchair games (at Stoke Mandeville).

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

JAKARTA: Indonesian Open championships: Men's doubles, first round: J Poulsen and S Fladberg (Den) bt C Rees and L Williams, 15-3, 16-18, 15-10. **Women's doubles: First round:** G Clark and G Gowers bt Sherly and S Titek (Indo), 15-4, 15-4. **Men's singles: Quarter-finals:** Yang Yang (China) bt A Budikusuma (Indo), 15-7, 6-15, 15-3; Sze Yu (Aus) bt I Sugiarto (Indo), 15-10, 15-9; Xiong Guobao (China) bt H Susanto (Indo), 17-15, 15-1; E Kuntjoro (Indo) bt J Suprianto (Indo), 13-5, 15-3, 15-11. **Women's singles: Quarter-finals:** Li Lingwei (China) bt L Sudarwati (Indo), 11-5, 11-5; Shang Fumei (China) bt E Latief (Indo), 11-8, 11-4; S Susanti (Indo) bt Zheng Yuli (China), 11-7, 11-7; Shi Wen (China) bt Sarwendah (Indo), 11-8, 11-4.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: San Diego Padres 2, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Atlanta Braves 1; Cincinnati Reds 8, Montreal Expos 5; St Louis Cardinals 9, Los Angeles Dodgers 6. **American League:** Milwaukee Brewers 12, Oakland Athletics 5; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Minnesota Twins 3; Cleveland Indians 4, Texas Rangers 2, Baltimore Orioles 2, Kansas City Royals 1

BILLIARDS

BELFAST: World amateur championships: Group A: T Ward (Eng) bt V Brennan (Ire), 1,429-676; B Kirkness (NZ) bt M Spoormans (Bel), 1,232-819
Group B: D Meredith (NZ) bt J Millen (Aus), 1,415-757; J Grech (Malta) bt T Martin (Ire), 2,464-713; S McClarey (N Ire) bt M DeSutter (Bel), 1,128-872; P Gilchrist (Eng) bt Martin, 1,797-1,036; B Kelly (Scot) bt DeSutter, 1,419-653.

BOWLS

GILLINGHAM: Representative match: Essex 134, Civil Service 91.
COUNTY MATCHES: Bristol: Gloucestershire 122, West Glamorgan 121. **Shouldham:** Norfolk 133, Nottinghamshire 101.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Leigh-on-Sea: Essex v Hampshire. Match abandoned.

FENCING

LAUSANNE, Switzerland: World championships: Men's epée: Quarter-finals: W Loyola (Cuba) bt E Srecki (Fr), 10-7; V Fischer (WG) bt M Pollet (Switz), 8-5; A Mazzoni (It) bt V Razmichenko (USSR), 10-8; A Chouvalov (USSR) bt S Pantano (It), 10-8. **Semi-finals:** Fischer bt Loyola, 10-8; Chouvalov bt Mazzoni, 10-6. **Final:** Fischer bt Chouvalov, 10-4. **Third place:** Loyola bt Mazzoni, 9-7 retd hurt. **Men's team sabre: Quarter-finals:** Soviet Union bt United States, 9-1; France bt Poland, 9-1; Bulgaria bt Italy, 9-6; West Germany bt Hungary, 8-6. **Semi-finals:** Soviet Union bt France, 9-6; Bulgaria bt West Germany, 8-7.

TENNIS

SCHENECTADY, New York: Men's grand prix tournament: Second round, singles: B Testerman (US) bt C Saceanu (WG) 7-6, 5-7, 7-5; J Pugh (US) bt M Laurendeaux (Can) 6-3, 6-3; G Muller (SA) bt B Pearce (US), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6; T Hogstedt (Swe) bt E Winogradsky (Fr) walkover.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Middlesbrough 40, Poole 38
BRITISH LEAGUE: Sheffield 43, Oxford 35.

GOLF

CAMBRIDGE: Hennessy Cognac national pro-am championship: Regional final: 64: B Proudfoot (pro) and M Potton (Berkhamsted GC), G Atkinson (pro) and I Wallace (Bushey); Proudfoot and Potton won on count-back. 66: P Davis (pro) and K Hamilton (Saffron Walden).
GRAND BLANC, Michigan: Buick Open (US unless stated): 64: E Dougherty. 65: J Haas, B Murphy; R Wrenn; D Arnette. 66: A Magee; M Hayes, J C Snead; K Green; P Stewart. **Others:** 71: W Grady (Aus). 72: D Graham (Aus), D Watson (Zim). 73: J Nelford (Can).
LAUNCESTON: NatWest age group Golf Foundation tournament: Leading scores: Boys: Under-16: 80: R Phillips (Tehidy Park). **Under-15:** 83: D Turnbull (Tavistock). **Under-14:** 87: I Moore (Okehampton). **Under-13:** 84: R Binney (Newquay). **Girls: Under-13:** 120: D Japes (Launceston).

SQUASH RACKETS

SYDNEY: Grand prix tournament: Quarter-finals: Men (all Australian): R Martin bt A Acdaraga, 9-6, 9-7, 9-3; G Brumby bt S Bowditch, 9-0, 9-1, 9-4.

VOLLEYBALL

NAGOYA, Japan: Men's international tournament: France bt Brazil, 15-13, 13-15, 15-13, 15-4; Japan bt Japan All-stars, 15-12, 6-15, 15-10, 15-9

YACHTING

ABERSOCH: Enterprise national championship: Sixth race: 1, N Marsden (Blackpool and Fleetwood); 2, R Estaugh (Chase); 3, T Southworth (Southport); 4, R L Barker (Penarth). **Overall:** 1, Marsden, 12¾; 2, Southworth, 12¾; 3, I Pinnell (Tynemouth), 16¾; 4, Estaugh, 23.

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CYCLING

Photographers steal the limelight as leaders take it easy

From John Wilcockson, Dijon

Today the fate of the 74th Tour de France will be decided by an individual time trial of 23.6 miles. After 23 stages and 2,480 miles of racing, only 21 seconds separate the overall leader Pedro Delgado, of Spain, from second-placed Stephen Roche.

There was no change in these positions yesterday when a tired, disinterested pack allowed eight men to take a three-minute lead over the final 17 flat miles into Dijon, with Regis Clere, of France, somewhat surprisingly winning from his countryman, Jean-Claude Leclercq. Clere's attack into a *right-hand* bend *half*-a-mile from the finish was not challenged by the other unmagnificent seven, and the Frenchman, aged 30, won his second Peugeot car of the race. His other stage win was at Millau, nine days ago.

The more significant happening of the day was a demonstration by the motorcycle-mounted press photographers who provide Europe's scores of newspapers with pictures for their Tour coverage. Today, the papers will have to rely on stock photographs or shots of the demonstration — the only ones that were taken yesterday.

Their complaint is that the race organizers are threatening to reduce the number of photographers to only eight, and that the international officials prevented the photographers from getting near the race during the vital stages on Thursday when Roche and Delgado were fighting out their last duel in the Alps.

Today, the terrain is more to the liking of Roche: a time trial of about 45 minutes duration on a circuit comprising mainly rural roads, with one short climb of 600ft 10 miles from the finish.

Delgado has never beaten Roche in a Tour de France time trial; the closest he came to matching the Irishman was three years ago in a 42-mile test at Le Mans when the *Spaniard was beaten by 67* seconds. With the inspiration of wearing the yellow jersey, Delgado could conceivably hold Roche to a 30-second margin, and if the challenger has any problems — a puncture or a crash such as that suffered by the 1986 Tour winner, Greg LeMond, in the final time trial — then the streets of Segovia instead of Dublin could be celebrating *tonight*.

The amazingly brave fightback of Roche after losing his yellow jersey at l'Alpe d'Huez on Tuesday has made him a bigger celebrity in Ireland than his famous rival Sean Kelly, who crashed out of the Tour two weeks ago.

When RTE Television decided at Thursday lunchtime to go live with the stage finish at Morzine, the word spread *like wildfire through Dublin*. Offices emptied and the hotel bars and pubs filled with newly-won cycling fans eager to see if their Stephen could recover from his after-stage collapse at La Plagne

TOUR RESULTS

23rd stage: To Dijon (224km): 1, R Clere (Fr), 6hr 41min 22sec; 2, J-C Leclercq (Fr), at 3sec; 3, A Achermann (Switz); 4, G Kneremann (Neth); 5, H Lubberding (Neth); 6, E van Lancker (Bel); 7, R Patry (Bel); 8, F Brun (Fr), all same time; 9, J-P van Poppel (Neth), 2.56; 10, J Lieckens (Bel); 11, H Frison (Bel); 12, P Jules (Fr); 13, M-J Dominguez (Sp); 14, M Elliott (GB); 15, S Roche (Ire), all same time.

British, ANC-Halfords and others: 37, K Palov; 49, G Gallopin; 99, A Timmis, all at 2min 56sec. **Overall:** 1, P Delgado (Sp), 109hr 39min 37sec; 2, Roche, at 21sec; 3, J-F Bernard (Fr), 4min 18sec; 4, C Mottet (Fr), 5.54; 5, L Herrera (Col), 7.14; 6, F Parra (Col), 13.04; 7, L Fignon (Fr), 16.08; 8, A Fuerte (Sp), 16.21; 9, R Alcala (Mex), 21.21; 10, M Lejarreta (Sp), 25.50; 11, C Criquielion (Bel), 27.33; 12, F Echave (Sp), 30.09; 13, M Ramirez (Col), 33.43; 14, G Zadrobilek (Austria), 38.19; 15, L Loro (It), 40.21. **British, ANC-Halfords and others:** 70, Timmis, at 2hr 16min 99sec; 97, Elliott, 2.46.51; 107, Palov, 2:55.23; 136, Gallopin, 3:59.44.

WOMEN: 14th stage: To Dijon (92km): 1, A Jakovleva (USSR), 2hr 18min 05sec; 2, T Vikstedt-Nyman (Fin), same time; 3, I Varenkamp (WG), at 2sec; 4, V Paulitz (WG), 14; 5, C Meijer (Neth); 6, M De Bruin (Neth); 7, I Zakharova (USSR); 8, J Niehaus (WG); 9, M Knol (Neth); 10, V Thomas (GB), all same time. **Other British placings:** 38, M Johnson, at 14sec; 45, H Edwards; 46, P Strong; 47, S Thompson; 63, C Greenwood; 76, M Grivell, all same time. **Overall:** 1, J Longo (Fr), 26hr 14min 57sec; 2, M Canins (It), at 2min 52sec; 3, U Enzenauer (WG), 12.14; 4, T Poliakova (USSR), 16.30; 5, R Bonanomi (It), 17.37; 6, U Larsen (Nor), 20.32; 7, D Bonnoront (Fr), 21.54; 8, N Kibardina (USSR), 22.31; 9, D Damiani (Fr), 23.31; 10, C Odin (Fr), 25.18. **British placings:** 24, Greenwood, at 45min 28sec; 27, Thompson, 49.13; 63, Strong, 1:31:41; 64, Thomas, 1:34:00; 66, Grivell, 1:38:40; 72, Edwards, 1:44:46; 73, Johnson, 1:47:17.

FOOTBALL

Play-offs produce £1m bonus

By Andrew Longmore

Income from the play-off matches at the end of last season topped £1 million, according to figures released yesterday by the Football League. The 20 matches produced gross receipts of £1,001,521 from average crowds of 15,385, figures which were described as "very encouraging" by the League's deputy secretary, David Dent.

Half the income from the gates goes to the 12 clubs involved in the matches, the other half to a pool for all the other clubs in the division not involved in the play-offs for promotion. That brings a bonus of £11,486 to second division clubs, £5,596 for the third division and £3,529 for the fourth.

More significant, that extra income will be looked at with interest by top clubs in the first division, who could now be encouraged to push for a play-off championship of their own.

"It has been a very worthwhile experiment which proves that, despite the criticisms, supporters want excitement in their football," Dent said. "The play-offs provided that."

"Certainly the revenue generated by the play-offs will not have gone unnoticed in the first division, and it is possible that they will want to look at a similar competition for themselves. Anything which is successful is worth looking at."

The format for the play-offs will be unchanged for next season, reducing the number of clubs in the first division. But the plan for the 1988-89 season is for the final promotion place from the lower divisions to be decided by internal play-offs, and that now looks certain to be confirmed, even though there is still considerable opposition to the system amongst the clubs themselves.

"Looking at it dispassionately, I do not agree with the play-offs. I think they are unfair, though we benefitted handsomely from them," Dave King, the secretary of Swindon, said. Swindon took an estimated £40,000 from the play-off matches, and because they won the promotion place have doubled the sales of season tickets for the new season. "Revenue is everything," King said. "So, like the League Cup which nobody thought would last, it looks like the play-offs are here to stay."

YACHTING

Elan crew wait on protest decision

From Barry Pickthall, St Peter Port, Guernsey

Harold Baum and his West German crew aboard the Swan 44 Elan, were fighting off a protest last night that could rob them of the Swan European Championship title after the series ended off St Peter Port, Guernsey, yesterday.

Elan, which ended the day two points clear of Norman Brick's 46-foot Chastenet, clashed with Joachim Silveira's Mariposa II of Hamble, at the start of yesterday's windless race. The German yacht, one of a number judged over the heavily biased line at the start and forced to return, finished yesterday's race for the Yachting World Trophy midway down the fleet. However, with Chastenet also out of the frame in conditions where the tidal stream played a greater role than the wind in this shortened race, it was a pity that this essentially fun regatta should have to be decided on the ruling of a jury.

Thankfully there were no such doubts over the division two Moustique, a Swan 41, skippered by Mike Spear, which capped an excellent set of results with a second place yesterday to Mike Atkins's sister ship, Amadea of Wayde, to take overall honours, six points clear of Patrick Jameson's 40-foot Finndabar of Howth.

RESULTS (Subject to protest): **First division:** 1, Shadow of a Dream (S Knowles), 3hr 21min 5sec; 2, Tingvin V (L Schwabe, Nor), 3:23:26; 3, Delnic (L Rousselin, (Fr), 3:24:33; 4, Gregal (J Peche, Fr), 3:25:32; 5, Mariposa II of Hamble (J Silveira), 3:30:59. **Overall:** 1, Elan; 2, Chastenet (N Brick); 3, Mariposa II of Hamble; 4, Crackerjack IX (K Miller); 5, Shadow of a Dream. **Second division:** 1, Amadea of Wayde (M Atkin), 3hr 23min 24sec; 2, Moustique (M Spear), 3.23:56; 3, Eclipse 80 (M Leadbetter), 3:24:17; 4, Finndabar of Howth (P Jameson, Ire), 3:24:44; 5, *Cecile (G Radley, Ire)*, 3:32:17. **Overall:** 1, Moustique; 2, Finndabar of Howth; 3, Amadea of Wayde; 4, Pavlova II (F Walker); 5, Cecile. **Modified division:** 1, Stratus (D Smith, Ire), 3hr 18min 57sec; 2, Flying Neleb (F Garcia-German, Sp), 3:21:56; 3, Jezabel (M Crepeau, Fr), 4:02:43. **Overall:** 1, Stratus; 2, Flying Neleb; 3, Jezabel.

Hartley masters the wind

It was tricky sailing off Falmouth yesterday for the last race of the international 14ft Prince of Wales Cup week, with a gusty offshore wind that blew anything between force two and force four with unpredictable shifts (Roger Lean-Vercoe writes).

This kept crews alert and, caused a good deal of place changing at the front of the fleet *but the conditions obviously* suited the winners, James Hartley and Ian Tillett.

Their only lapse came in what was perhaps the most important race of the week, for the Prince of Wales Cup itself, when , in *light airs, they finished* well down the fleet. But this race did not count towards the overall prize, the Windwhisper Trophy, which they won

RESULTS: Sixth race: Llandudno Trophy: 1, J Hartley and I Tillett (Itchenor SC); 2, C Stanley and J Hodgart (Nottingham Outlaws SC); 3, *W Henderson and R Parslow* (Grantchester Flesh SC); 4, H Stevenson and A Mackay (Tynemouth SC); 5, A Fitzgerald and A Murphy (Itchenor SC). **Overall:** 1, Hartley and Tillett, 3pts; 2, A Fitzgerald and A Murphy (Itchenor SC), 12; 3, N McDonald and D McDonald (Warsash SC), 13; 4, Stanley and Hodgart, 15; 5, M Warren and A Goodchild (Sussex Motor YC), 22; 6, J Sidthorpe and B Grant (Itchenor SC), 26.

Lessons to learn from the French

The fact that two Nigel Irens-designed catamarans lead the Formula 40 world championship shows there is nothing wrong with British multihull design (Malcolm McKeag writes).

But the continuing dominance by the French of the Southampton Multihull Grand Prix, the British leg of the championship, shows that Brit*ish multihull sailors* have a way to go before they are a serious force internationally.

The French superiority begins with numbers — 14 of the 17-strong fleet are French — and continues with performance.

The reason is simple: in France the racing of these colourful and visually exciting boats enjoys a huge popular following and heavy sponsorship. In yesterday's third race of the grand prix, around the Isle of Wight, French boats filled the first 10 places.

RESULTS: 1, Biscuits Cantreau (J Le Cam); 2, Region Nord Pas De Calais III (A Comyn); 3, Richmond III (P Hanin). **British placings:** 11, The White Team (R and R White); 12, Shur DIY (T Cooke). **Retired:** Business Design Group (T Rowsell and P Morrison).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS TENNIS

Men

(Championship group reduced to one set tie-break matches because of rain).

GROUP ONE (at Eastbourne): **Essex beat Yorkshire 7-2** (Essex names first): R Drysdale and P Reekie bt S Ickringill and G Henderson 6-0; D Lloyd and H McGuiness lost to Ickringill and Henderson 6-1; N Raynor and V Ransom bt Ickringill and Henderson 7-6; Drysdale and Reekie bt P Brooke and S Heron 6-3; Lloyd and McGuiness lost to Brooke and Heron 7-6; *Raynor and Ransom* bt Brooke and Heron 7-5; Drysdale and Reekie bt D Hirst and C Newton 7-5; Lloyd and McGuiness bt Hirst and Newton 7-6; Raynor and Ransom bt Hirst and Newton 6-3.

Lancashire beat Derbyshire 6-3 (Lancashire names first): C Robinson and M Farrell lost to A Evans and A Jarrett 6-4; Robinson and Farrell bt D Archer and A Broomhead 7-6; *Robinson and Farrell* bt N Beedham and C Johnson 6-3; E Davies and D Shaw lost to Evans and Jarrett 6-4; Davies and Shaw bt Archer and Broomhead 6-4; Davies and Shaw bt Beedham and Johnson 6-1; E Knowles and C Peet lost to Evans and Jarrett 6-3; Knowles and Peet bt Archer and Broomhead 6-3; Knowles and Peet bt Beedham and Johnson 6-3.

Middlesex lead Kent 3-1 (Middlesex names first): H Becker and S Curtis lost to P Bourdon and R Whichello 6-1; P Huthesman and R Lewis bt M Guntrip and S Matthews 6-1; Becker and Curtis bt Guntrip and Matthews 6-3; P Littlewood and K Tomlin bt C Wells and C Beecher 7-5.

GROUP TWO (at Southsea): No play yesterday.

Women

GROUP ONE (at Eastbourne): **Surrey beat Norfolk 7-2** (Surrey names first): P Brailsford and L Pollard bt J Tacon and J Rich 6-4; Brailsford and Pollard lost to D Springall and K Ford 6-4; Brailsford and Pollard bt V Bonham and S Rich 6-2; S Godman and J Langstaff bt Tacon and J Rich 7-6; Godman and Langstaff bt Springall and Ford 7-5; Godman and Langstaff bt Bonham and S Rich 6-3; S Lightbody and J Wilson lost to Tacon and J Rich 6-4; Lightbody and Wilson bt Springall and Ford 6-3; Lightbody and Wilson bt Bonham and S Rich 6-2.

Surrey beat Yorkshire 9-0 (Surrey names first): Brailsford and Pollard bt C Berry and S Longbottom 6-1; Brailsford and Pollard bt J Holden and K McLoughlin 6-4; Brailsford and Pollard bt B Lockwood and S Armitage 6-3; Godman and Langstaff bt Berry and Longbottom 6-3; Godman and Langstaff bt Holden and McLoughlin 6-2; Godman and Langstaff bt Lockwood and Armitage 6-2; Lightbody and Wilson bt Berry and Longbottom 6-2; Lightbody and Wilson bt Holden and McLoughlin 6-4; Lightbody and Wilson bt Lockwood and Armitage 6-4.

Essex beat Devon 5-4 (Essex names first): C Bateman and C Petchey lost to S Barker and S Madge 6-3; M Collins and S Walters lost to Barker and Madge 7-5; S Leach and S Hancock lost to Barker and *Madge 6-2; Bateman and Petchey* beat Y Drew and A Hill 6-2; Collins and Walters lost to Drew and Hill 6-2; Leach and Hancock bt Drew and Hill 6-4; Bateman and Pechey bt P Britton and S Pullen 6-1; Collins and Walters bt Britton and Pullen 6-1; Leach and Hancock bt Britton and Pullen 6-4.

Lancashire lead Norfolk 4-0 (Lancashire names first): L Gracie and C Power bt J Rich and S Rich 6-4; A Loughrey and J Smith bt Rich and Rich 6-3; A Riepel and G Carney bt K Board and D Springall 6-2; Gracie and Power bt N Hook and V Bonham 6-0.

GROUP TWO (at Exmouth): Middlesex bt Nottinghamshire 8-1; Sussex bt Kent 7-2; Warwickshire bt Avon 5-4. **Promoted:** *Middlesex and Sussex.* **Relegated:** *Kent and Avon.*

GROUP THREE (at Cambridge): Lincolnshire bt Cheshire 6-3; Leicestershire bt Derbyshire 6-3; Berkshire bt Bedfordshire 5-4. **Promoted:** Leicestershire and Berkshire. **Relegated:** Cheshire and Lincolnshire.

GROUP FIVE (at Worthing): North of Scotland bt Dorset 7-2; Somerset bt Cornwall 6-3; West of Scotland bt Hereford and Worcester 5-4. **Promoted:** North of Scotland and Somerset. **Relegated:** West of Scotland and Cornwall.

GROUP SIX (at Poole): Northumberland bt Durham and Cleveland 5-4; Staffordshire bt Gloucestershire 9-0; Shropshire bt Northamptonshire 7-2. **Promoted:** Staffordshire and Northumberland. **Relegated:** *Gloucestershire and Northamptonshire.*

GROUP SEVEN (at Chiswick): East of Scotland bt South Wales 7-2; South of Scotland bt Wiltshire 6-3; Suffolk bt Channel Islands 6-3; Cumbria bt Isle of Man 7-2. **Promoted:** East of Scotland and South Wales. **Bottom:** Isle of Man.

St Paul's win

● St Paul's brought Repton's six-year reign as Youll Cup holders to an end when they captured the Public Schools Lawn Tennis Championship at Wimbledon yesterday.

RESULTS: St Paul's bt Repton 2-1 (St Paul's names first): J Hunter and W Orr bt J Crossley and N Green 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; A Ambrose and R Ground lost to D Sweeney and R Lowther 6-2, 6-3. **Singles:** Hunter bt Crossley 7-5, 6-0

CRICKET: YORKSHIRE AND NORTHANTS BOTH DRAW TO SHARE LEAD

Bravo for French: the England wicketkeeper hangs on to a catch off Salim Malik yesterday. Report, page 46

Yorkshire's victory search frustrated by lower order

By Martin Searby

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire (6pts) drew with Glamorgan (4)

The weather ultimately spoiled Yorkshire's chances of a sixth Britannic Assurance Champion*ship win, but it was the poor* light which cloaked the ground for the last 90 minutes which was responsible, rather than the morning drizzle which delayed the start for 1¾ hours.

Yorkshire's seam bowling re*duced Glamorgan to 84 for five* inside 30 overs, despite losing Sidebottom, who twisted a knee in his third over and took no further part. He misses today's match at Leicester in the bargain. But the Novemberish *gloom prevented any further use* of the quicker bowlers and Carrick, the Yorkshire captain, and Love, an occasional off-spinner, were unable to winkle out the bottom half of the order.

In normal circumstances, *Glamorgan might have fancied* a target of 246 in 63 overs. Morris, with James, made brisk progress to reach 48 in 18 overs before a minor calamity made them think again.

In the space of three balls. *Morris was caught at slip and* then Holmes was sharply taken, one-handed, at short-leg: then, Maynard had his off-stump uprooted. Todd skied a hook to the wicketkeeper and James *popped a wide ball into gulley's* hands, within three overs of each other.

At the first sign of aggression against the slow bowlers by Ontong, who hit Carrick straight for a six and a four, two men *were back on the rope, but with* Derrick providing solid support, the Yorkshire captain was not prepared to risk further punishment and the pacemen returned.

Glamorgan were offered the light but, needing 75 off the last 10 overs, refused it and were playing in heavy drizzle when a halt was called with seven overs left, 66 wanted and the sixth wicket partnership worth 96.

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Northants(9)	*12*	*6*	*0*	*6*	*21*	*35*	*148*
Yorks (9)	16	5	3	8	30	38	148
Notts (4)	13	4	1	8	36	44	144
Surrey (3)	14	4	2	8	37	41	142
Lancs (15)	14	4	4	6	33	43	140
Hampshire(5)	15	3	3	9	37	47	132
Leicester (7)	13	4	2	7	23	40	127
Derby (11)	13	4	4	5	27	31	122
Worcs (5)	15	3	2	10	32	42	122
Essex (1)	15	2	1	12	29	46	115
Glam (17)	15	2	4	9	20	44	96
Somerset (16)	14	1	1	12	37	41	94
Kent (8)	14	1	3	10	29	40	85
Warwick (12)	14	1	4	9	27	39	82
Gloucester(2)	13	2	4	7	28	18	78
Middlesex(12)	13	1	6	6	28	32	76
Sussex (13)	13	1	4	8	24	30	70

1986 positions in brackets

● Essex total includes 8pts for drawn match when scores finished level. Northamptonshire total includes 12pts for win in one-innings match.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 200.

Second Innings

M D Moxon c Maynard b Derrick	56
R J Blakey lbw b Barwick	16
K Sharp b Barwick	2
J D Love run out	43
A A Metcalfe not out	19
†D L Bairstow b Derrick	4
P J Hartley not out	9
Extras (w 1, nb 4)	5
Total (5 wkts dec)	154

*P Carrick, A Sidebottom, P W Jarvis and S D Fletcher did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-27, 3-122, 4-122, 5-132.

BOWLING: Barwick 17-1-54-2; Derrick 16-5-61-2; Ontong 7-0-20-0; Holmes 7-0-19-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 109.

Second Innings

S P James c sub b Jarvis	27
*H Morris c Moxon b Hartley	29
G C Holmes c Blakey b Hartley	0
M P Maynard b Hartley	19
R C Ontong not out	42
P A Todd c Bairstow b Jarvis	2
J Derrick not out	47
Extras (lb 12, w 1, nb 1)	14
Total (5 wkts)	180

†C P Metson, I Smith, C J P G van Zyl and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-48, 3-74, 4-82, 5-84.

BOWLING: Jarvis 12-2-42-2; Sidebottom 3-0-6-0; Hartley 12-3-34-3; Fletcher 6-1-9-0; Carrick 13-3-42-0; Love 10-0-35-0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and N T Plews.

Folkestone outlook still murky

By Ivo Tennant

FOLKESTONE (Gloucestershire won the toss): Kent (0pts) drew with Gloucestershire (0).

The one match being staged by Kent at Folkestone this year ended in all too familiar circumstances yesterday. After the first two days had been washed out, rain and mist from the Channel brought about a premature close to a one-innings-a-side contest.

It is debatable how much first class cricket will be played here in the future. The ground, though, and particularly the outfield, were in better shape than they have been for several years. There was a reasonable attendance considering the weather and the players attempted to make something of the match until they were almost enveloped in mist.

Kent were put in and made rather modest progress on a pitch of *slow turn and some lift. Taylor's half century took al*most two and a half hours and they were in some trouble at 115 for five. Some powerful hitting by Aslett and Pienaar, in a stand of 83 in 23 overs, enabled Kent to declare, setting Gloucester *213 in an hour and a quarter* plus 20 overs.

Had the weather held, there could well have been a result. Gloucestershire were scoring at more than four an over, with Lamb batting after the early departure of Stovold. Wright and Curran were beginning to find the boundary boards with regularity.

Graveney, Gloucestershire's captain, split the webbing of his left hand in dropping a fierce drive by Aslett off his own bowling and may miss his side's match against Derbyshire today. He had two stitches inserted.

KENT

M R Benson c Curran b Greene	7
N R Taylor c Russell b Lloyds	52
S G Hinks b Bainbridge	25
C J Tavare c Russell b Lloyds	25
D G Aslett not out	49
*C S Cowdrey c Bainbridge b Lloyds	0
R F Pienaar lbw b Lloyds	37
†S A Marsh not out	11
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 2)	6
Total (6 wkts dec)	212

D J M Kelleher, D L Underwood and K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-52, 3-112, 4-113, 5-115, 6-198.

BOWLING: Lawrence 7-4-13-0; Greene 7-1-17-1; Alleyne 4-0-20-0; Bainbridge 6.3-2-13-1; Graveney 25.3-7-52-0; Lloyds 25-2-93-4.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A W Stovold c Pienaar b Jarvis	1
A J Wright not out	36
K M Curran not out	14
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	52

P W Romaines, M W Alleyne, P Bainbridge, J W Lloyds, †R C Russell, V S Greene, D V Lawrence and *D A Graveney did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-14.

BOWLING: Jarvis 6.3-1-32-1; Kelleher 6-1-20-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and P B Wight.

Cook's award

Geoff Cook, of Northamptonshire, has been chosen as the Carphone Group "Captain of the Month" for June. Cook wins *the £500 award for leading his* team into the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup and into a challenging position in the championship.

A Herculean task foils Hampshire

By Richard Streeton

PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire (4pts) drew with Sussex (2).

There was irony as well as frustration for Hampshire yesterday when the weather spoiled all their efforts to force a win. *Unlike several other of the* championship contenders, Hampshire were able to play the first half of the day. It only started to rain shortly before tea, as a good finish began to loom.

By then, Sussex were 184 runs *ahead with five wickets in hand*, and 50 overs remained. After an hour, the rain eased, but it returned as the covers were being removed. Gould declared, but it stayed too wet to allow Hampshire to start their run chase.

Parker, Colin Wells and Standing were the Sussex batsmen to thwart the Hampshire attack on a damp, slow pitch which rendered stroke-making well-nigh impossible. From the start, it was clear that any possible malice in the pitch had been crushed by Hercules, as the massive United Services' ground's heavy roller is known.

Hercules weighs 5½ tons and is the heaviest roller regularly available on any county ground. It has been used since the ground opened in 1883. A year or two ago, it had its fourth new motor installed since the use of horses to pull it ceased in 1922.

Sussex, resuming with a lead of 38, lost Pigott, the nightwatchman, in Connor's first over. After this, though, James, the left-arm seamer, and Maru, the left-arm spinner, made the best use of the conditions, which were no use to Marshall.

Parker batted with more confidence than anyone as he continued his successful return after having a bone in his arm broken earlier in the season. After 80 minutes, Maru got a ball to "pop" and Alikhan was caught behind as he tried to cut.

Maru then bowled Alan Wells behind his legs as he tried to *sweep*. Sussex were 89 for five when Parker, trying to drive James, was caught at first slip immediately after lunch. Colin Wells had been missed by Parks from a hard chance before he *scored. He and Standing*, however, batted with growing freedom before the rain arrived and the seagulls, rather than the cricketers, took over the field.

SUSSEX: First Innings 165 (R J Maru 5 for 59).

Second Innings

R I Alikhan c Parks b Maru	13
A M Green lbw b Tremlett	0
A C S Pigott b Connor	0
P W G Parker c Maru b James	45
A P Wells b Maru	10
C M Wells not out	34
D K Standing not out	25
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 2, nb 11)	20
Total (5 wkts dec)	147

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-51, 4-74, 5-89.

BOWLING: Connor 10-5-10-1; Maru 20-10-28-2; Tremlett 5-2-20-1; Marshall 5-2-10-0; James 13.1-0-48-1, Nicholas 5.5-0-24-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 128 for 3 dec (*M C J Nicholas 56).

Umpires: J A Jameson and D Lloyd.

Leicestershire bowlers in control again

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Middlesex offered only minimal resistance yesterday before **Leicestershire** gained their fourth win in the last six Britannic Assurance championship matches by an innings and 30 runs at Grace Road.

Middlesex were dismissed for 96. Leicestershire's impressive pace bowlers needing only two hours and 15 minutes to take the *last nine wickets, quickly* making up for time lost after rain had taken the first two and a half hours from the day.

Jonathan Agnew's return of five for 44 brought his total of wickets for the season to 52 while George Ferris had match figures of eight for 63.

Since his return to the side Ferris has taken 27 wickets in four matches and with Agnew and Paddy Clift giving him substantial support *Leicestershire's batsmen are not* being given a lot to do.

Surrey and Worcestershire finally had to give best to the weather at the Oval after the captains, Ian Greig and Phil *Neale, had done their best* manufacture a finish to a game which did not start until just over eight hours playing time remained.

Professional experience may prevail

By Mike Berry

Cheshire and Cambridgeshire are making no bold declarations about the minor counties one-day final for the Holt Cup at Oxford tomorrow. Both are happy to see themselves as underdogs.

There seems to be little between two sides who will be meeting for the first time in the 93-year history of minor counties cricket. But Cambridgeshire, on the strength of three championship wins from six matches and the presence of three former first-class professionals in their ranks, must start as favourites.

Their eight-wickets win over Wiltshire in the *semi-final, in* which Stuart Turner and Chris Lethbridge did little but Michael Garnham hit a quality half-century, was proof of their all-round talent. Cheshire scraped through by beating Buckinghamshire by two wickets.

Both teams possess bowlers capable of keeping things tight and into this category comes Arthur Sutton, aged 48, of Cheshire, their former skipper, who was recalled from retirement to play in the semi-final. In 1983 Cheshire won the inaugural one-day trophy under Sutton's captaincy.

Morris is defiant in defeat

By Jack Bailey

DERBY: Nottinghamshire (24pts) beat Derbyshire (1) by an innings and 33 runs.

Nottinghamshire's victory and the garnering of maximum points was put into cold storage for longer than their faithful would have liked. A combination of factors was responsible. Overnight rain had dampened down the pitch, 19 overs were lost to the weather and Hadlee could not bowl. But the most striking, single reason was a quite magnificent innings of 162 by John Morris.

While Morris was accompanied by Roberts and Finney in stands of 81 and 89, the Nottinghamshire attack, so lethal in the first innings, was reduced to the commonplace. Statistics are not everything, but it is worth recording that Morris batted in all for three hours and 20 minutes, faced 201 balls and hit 26 fours, to all parts of the ground. Not only the range of his strokes but also the time he had to play them, bore unmistakable signs of that rare and indefinable quality: class.

Nottinghamshire stuck to their task with admirable tenacity, but without quite the high level of fielding that had characterized their performance when cutting swathes through Derbyshire's first innings. Morris was dropped twice — when 74 and again with his score at 116 — and it was significant that all eight wickets to fall yesterday were clean bowled.

Saxelby played a major role *by getting rid of Roberts and* Finney when both were set; Hemmings finally tempted Morris into an indiscreet cut. Then there was Rice. Looking more like the town marshal than ever, he shot down the last three *batsmen for one run in 11 balls*, all of them with yorkers.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 433 (M Newell 203 not, R J Hadlee 70, J D Birch 69).

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 148 (J E Morris 62; E E Hemmings 5 for 38).

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Scott b Saxelby	5
†B J M Maher c Pollard b Rice	0
B Roberts b Saxelby	30
J E Morris b Hemmings	162
R J Finney b Saxelby	27
R J Sharma b Pick	17
I S Anderson b Hemmings	2
M A Holding b Rice	3
M Jean-Jaques b Rice	0
O H Mortensen not out	1
D E Malcolm b Rice	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 3)	5
Total	252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-6, 3-87, 4-173, 5-218, 6-231, 7-251, 8-251, 9-251.

BOWLING: Saxelby 17-4-48-3; Rice 13.5-0-42-4; Pick 14-1-80-1; Hemmings 29-9-80-2.

Umpires: J W Holder and A A Jones.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Surrey v Worcs

THE OVAL: Match drawn: Surrey 3pts. Worcestershire 1.

SURREY: First Innings

G S Clinton absent hurt	32
D M Smith not out	121
A J Stewart c D'Oliveira b Pridgeon	0
M A Lynch c Hick b Pridgeon	3
T E Jesty c D'Oliveira b Hick	76
*I A Greig c Curtis b Hick	14
D J Thomas not out	1
Extras (lb 9, w 1, nb 3)	13
Total (4 wkts dec, 74.1 overs)	260

†C J Richards, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham and S T Clarke did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99, 2-111, 3-231, 4-257.

BOWLING: Pridgeon 16-2-41-2; Newport 9-0-53-0; McEwan 6-0-25-0; Hick 27-6-87-2; Illingworth 16.1-4-45-0.

Second Innings: Forfeited

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings Forfeited

Second Innings

T S Curtis b Clarke	13
G J Lord lbw b Feltham	21
G A Hick lbw b Greig	30
D B D'Oliveira b Lynch	12
*P A Neale not out	17
M J Weston not out	0
Extras (lb 8)	8
Total (4 wkts)	101

†S J Rhodes, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, S M McEwan and A P Pridgeon did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-66, 3-74, 4-97

BOWLING: Clarke 11-2-25-1; Thomas 8-2-13-0; Feltham 5-2-10-1; Greig 4-1-20-1; Medlycott 6-2-17-0; Lynch 5-2-8-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Harris.

Leics v Middlesex

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (22pts) beat Middlesex (4) by an innings and 30 runs.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 119 (P B Clift 5 for 33, J G Ferris 5 for 38).

Second Innings

W N Slack b Agnew	35
J D Carr lbw b Lewis	1
S P Hughes b Agnew	0
K R Brown c Cobb b Ferris	2
C T Radley lbw b Agnew	0
R O Butcher b Ferris	0
*†P R Downton c Whitticase b Lewis	15
A Needham lbw b Ferris	15
N F Williams c Whitticase b Agnew	17
A R C Fraser not out	2
N G Cowans c Briers b Agnew	2
Extras (lb 1, w 3, nb 3)	7
Total	96

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-9, 3-20, 4-23, 5-24, 6-52, 7-64, 8-87, 9-93

BOWLING: Ferris 12-4-25-3; Lewis 7-1-26-2; Agnew 16.3-6-44-5.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 245 for 9 dec (J J Whitaker 77, T J Boon 71).

Umpires: D J Constant and R Palmer

POLO

Azarro quickly makes his mark

After last Sunday's cancellation of the final, owing to the sodden pitch, the final of the British open championship for the Davidoff Gold Cup was at last *played off yesterday afternoon* on the Lawns ground at Cowdray Park, Sussex. The Titans, Geoffrey Kent's team, Windsor Park, and Anthony Embiricos's Tramontana, who were the cupholders, faced one another in relentlessly driving *rain*.

Nevertheless, it was probably the most exciting, high powered game seen on English fields this summer. Carlos Gracida, Tramontana's Mexican No. 3, galloping in close partnership with his cousin, Roberto González, opened the account in the first three seconds, to which Cody Forsyth, of New Zealand, quickly replied for Windsor Park.

The Prince of Wales followed this up with a nice nearside forehander goal, making it 2-1 to Windsor Park.

Then, still in the first chukka, disaster struck. González received a ball very hard from Stuart Mackenzie's mallet on the cheekbone, which cut his *face open. Tramontana* were fortunate, however to find another six-goaler to replace him. This was Michael Azarro, who has been flown over to complete the United States team that will take on England tomorrow.

Azarro has a high reputation, and riding ponies from Embiricos's splendid string, quickly lived up to it. He scored the next goal, making it 2-2. In the third chukka the two New Zealanders, Mackenzie and Forsyth, were working in their familiar hand-in-glove style and with a beautiful display of mutual cooperation, Mackenzie made a long goal from a pass by Forsyth. Marking on both sides was very tight and at half-time the scoreboard said 4-3 to Tramontana.

Tramontana's unwitting asset was Azarro, who was looking far above his handicap. Windsor's main trouble was Mackenzie's inaccuracy. I lost count of the number of goal shots he missed. The result was a 9-5 victory for Tramontana.

WINDSOR PARK: 1, G Kent (4); 2, C Forsyth (6); 3, S Mackenzie (8); back, HRH The Prince of Wales (4)

TRAMONTANA: 1, A Embiricos (3); 2, M Azarro (6); 3, C Gracida (10); back, D Jamison (3).

SOUTHFIELD 1, *J Wade (1)*; 2, *A Kent (7)*; 3, O Rinehart (9); back, M Brown.

BRONCOS: 1, Lord Milford Haven (1); 2, G Donoso (7); 3, H Hipwood (9); back, M Glue (5)

GOLF

Anderson breaks the record

Jerry Anderson, a Canadian, aged 31, had the best round of his life in the Dutch Open championship at Hilversum yesterday. Not only did he have a hole in one, but he also broke the course record with a 63 to take the second-round lead.

Yet only a year ago Anderson, who had his hole in one at the 125-yard fifth, was ready to give up the game beacuase of a foot problem. He said: "Physically I *could hardly play 18 holes. After* I had a couple of specially built arches to put in my shoes, my health suddenly improved."

Anderson had seven birdies to go with his hole in one and just missed another eagle at the last when a chip from the edge of the green missed the hole by an inch.

Anderson held a two-stroke lead over two Britons, David A Russell, who shot a 68, and *Mark Roe, who had a 66. The* overnight leader, David Feherty, of Ireland, returned a level-par 72 to remain seven under for the championship. Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion and previous holder of the course record, had a round of 72 for a five-under-par 139.

Miss Johnson extends her advantage

Trish Johnson, aged 21, pulled well clear of the field when she returned a second consecutive 60 in the third round of the £30,000 Bloor Homes Eastleigh Classic at Fleming Park yesterday.

After battling through wet, miserable conditions, she finished with a 14-under-par total of 184 and will start today's final round seven strokes ahead of Debbie Dowling, the holder, and Scotland's Cathy Panton.

Miss Johnson, winner of the Wirral Classic last month in only her fourth tournament as a professional, had seven birdies.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES: (GB and Ireland unless stated): 184: P Johnson, 64, 60, 60. 191: D Dowling, 63, 65, 63; C Panton, 63, 64, 64. 192: P Grice-Whittaker, 66, 61, 65; A Sheard, 61, 65, 66. 193: C Baker (Can), 65, 65, 63; C Dibnah (Aus), 66, 62, 65; D Reid, 63, 64, 66. 194: B Lunsford (US), 64, 65, 65.

● Simon Edwards, aged 16, from Wrexham, who had never before qualified for the match play stages, won the Welsh boys' championship over the Monmouthshire course at Abergavenny yesterday. In the final Edwards defeated Andrew Herbert, aged 17, from Llanwern at the 19th hole.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: S J Edwards (Wrexham) bt M Sheppard (Conwy), one hole; A Herbert (Llanwern) bt N Watkins (Newport), one hole. **Final:** Edwards bt Herbert at the 19th.

EVENING RACING

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Going: good

6.30 (5f) **1, Just Moving** (M Wigham, 6-1); 2, Gorky Park (5-2); 3, Harmonical (7-4 fav). 5 ran. 2l, nk. M McCormack. Tote: £9.50; £2.10, £1.60. DF: £14.50. CSF: £19.68.

7.0 (6f) **1, Shy Mistress** (T Williams, 4-1); 2, Lucy's Melody (12-1); 3, Jay-Bee Windows (33-1). 7 ran. Cinderella Derek 2-1 fav. A Jones. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £3.60. DF: £13.10. CSF: £39.24.

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Paltry attempt to hide acceptance of the inevitable

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON: England, with all their first-innings wickets in hand, are 421 runs behind Pakistan.

Neither side seemed much concerned with winning the fourth Test match, sponsored by Cornhill, at Edgbaston yesterday. Pakistan spent the last hour of their first innings patting the ball to deep set fielders, rather than looking to get England to the wicket; and England hardly went about their business with the urgency or enthusiasm, or for that matter the efficiency, that one hoped for. At the close England were 18 without loss in reply to Pakistan's 439.

And there was no play in the morning because of intermittent rain, some of it quite heavy. The start at 1.25 followed an early lunch, and an hour of the time lost was made up when play lasted until 7 o'clock. By then Pakistan had left far behind them a brief batting collapse. The overall impression left by England in the field was one of the utmost ordinariness. It was very disappointing.

So intent upon going into the match with two spinners, England found them predictably superfluous. It was just on 6 o'clock before either of them bowled. Dilley took five of the seven Pakistani wickets to fall, finishing with five for 92, and Botham again had more overs than anyone. The pitch is so unutterably slow that it is hard to think the match will end in anything other than a draw.

Pakistan's tail-enders were in so little trouble that the run-out England achieved had long since seemed their likeliest way of denying Saleem Yousuf his first Test hundred. Yet the ball swung yesterday as it almost never had on Thursday. If England had bowled as their first XI should, they would not, I think, have been reduced to falling back, eventually, on undisguised defence.

England came into the game during the afternoon at a time when they had been doing nothing to deserve it. They had presented first the unprofessional, then the cynical, face of English cricket. Beginning the bowling with Botham, Foster had conceded a succession of boundaries in his first four overs, all off under-pitched balls. Nor, for a while, was his direction much better than his length. At the other end Botham, for all his wholeheartedness, was a shadow (metaphorically, that is) of his old self.

After 55 minutes play the light deteriorated sufficiently for the umpires to consult and for Gatting to be left in no doubt that if Dilley, rather than someone slower, bowled the next over, the batsmen would be given the chance of going off. Dilley bowled it, and sure enough play was soon suspended, though not before Dilley had won a leg before decision against Mudassar, who had batted by then for very nearly seven hours.

Mudassar described his hundred as "the most pleasurable experience of my Test career", a nice compliment to England from a man who once scored 231 against India, Pakistan's deadliest rivals.

No sooner had the players and umpires left the field than the light brightened, bringing an announcement that play would be resumed immediately, followed by the reappearance of the umpires. Four, maybe five, minutes later, the England team were still lurking in their dressing room. The umpires had, in fact, omitted to notify either side that they were going out again, as they usually do.

It is barely conceivable, though, that the England players were unaware of it; if they were, it showed nothing more clearly than that they were not as keenly involved as they should have been for a side in need of every moment's cricket that they could get. To blame some poor 13th man — in this case a member of the Warwickshire ground staff — for not being on the lookout, only made things worse.

After leaving the field without the players showing up — the light had gone again — the umpires were back again not many minutes later, this time calling at the England dressing room on the way. Once in the middle, they gave the England captain what amounted to a public warning. It was well merited, too.

Three overs later, England's reluctant bowlers got among the wickets. With successive balls Dilley had Salim Malik caught at the wicket by French, one handed and at the fullest stretch, and Imran taken low down at first slip by Emburey. When Botham took his one wicket in his 38th over, Ijaz looking rather disgruntled at being given leg before, Pakistan had slipped from 284 for three to 317 for seven. But Yousuf, when he was four, survived a sharp chance to Botham at second slip off Dilley, and he, Wasim Akram, Qadir and Kamal all played with a flourish to greet the evening sunshine.

In the end England were happy enough, I am sure, that Imran did not declare. He waited, instead, for Botham to take a catch at second slip, Edmonds a very good one in the gulley and for Kamal to be sent back by Yousuf and run-out by a direct hit from backward cover by Dilley. Things had gone badly enough for England without their having to congratulate Yousuf, the villain of Leeds, on taking them for a hundred. He may not be much of a wicket keeper, but he can certainly bat.

England keep the umpires waiting

By Alan Lee

The public image of the England team was embarrassingly damaged yesterday when, in five minutes of black comedy, the Test umpires stood alone and baffled in mid-pitch waiting to restart play while Mike Gatting and his men watched television in the dressing room.

It happened in mid-afternoon, following a brief stoppage for bad light. The umpires, Barrie Meyer and Alan Whitehead, returned to the middle and the 15,000 crowd looked on in astonishment when no players followed. Those with transistors would have heard fanciful suggestions of a strike and a semi-serious theory that the game was about to be conceded. The truth was simpler. Unforgivably, England's players were just not paying attention.

Considering the necessity to win this match and retain a chance of taking the Cornhill series, England's lapse was amateurish, and Peter Lush, a spokesman for the Test and County Cricket Board, was deeply concerned. "It didn't look good at all," he said. "For the image of the game and the team, it was a very poor show."

Lush added that Mickey Stewart, the team manager, was under the impression that it was the duty of the umpires to alert both teams when play was about to resume, though this was at odds with the umpires' view. No one, however, was willing to deny that it was a shoddy episode.

Lush said: "Mickey was obviously very upset about it because our team undoubtedly should have been out on the field and ready to play."

Officially, the burden of telling resting players that they are required back on stage falls on the twelfth man. Confusingly, this was not Neal Radford, whose duties apparently end with fielding, but a teenage Warwickshire player named Ed Milburn. The natural question, however, is what were the other players up to? Lush was a shade coy here. "The television was on but they were not watching the cricket channel," he said. This leaves three possibilities: an old David Niven film, a series on sixteenth century verse and racing from Ascot. No prizes for guessing which.

Two former England captains gave a view. Tony Lewis, presenting the television coverage, said: "I couldn't understand it. It was like commentating on a funeral."

Mike Brearley recalled: "In my day it was the usual habit of the umpires to tell the teams of a resumption, but that is no real excuse."

Meyer, the umpire, confessed: "I have never known anything like this to happen before and it could not have gone on much longer. We were about to take some positive action when the light deteriorated again. It is the responsibility of the fielding side to follow us out and England should have been aware of that.

Dilley's delight: Imran, the Pakistan captain, departs first ball to the England fast bowler

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ENGLAND won toss

PAKISTAN
FIRST INNINGS

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
MUDASSAR NAZAR *lbw b Dilley*	124	-	16	416	362
SHOAIB MOHAMMAD c Foster b Edmonds	18	-	2	64	49
MANSOOR AKHTAR b Foster	26	-	4	87	86
JAVED MIANDAD lbw b Dilley	75	1	8	153	145
SALIM MALIK c French b Dilley	24	-	3	127	95
IJAZ AHMED lbw b Botham	20	-	4	50	35
*IMRAN KHAN c Emburey b Dilley	0	-	-	1	1
†SALEEM YOUSUF not out	91	-	14	181	151
WASIM AKRAM c Botham b Foster	26	1	4	52	44
ABDUL QADIR c Edmonds b Dilley	6	-	-	36	30
MOHSIN KAMAL run out	10	-	1	61	47
Extras: b 4, lb 11, w 1, nb 3.	19				
Total:	439				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44 (2), 2-83 (3), 3-218 (4), 4-284 (1), 5-289 (5), 6-289 (7) 7-317 (6), 8-360 (9), 9-384 (10), 10-439 (11).

BOWLING: Dilley 35-6-92-5; Foster 37-8-107-2; Emburey 26-7-48-0; Edmonds24.3-12-50-1; Botham 48-13-121-1; Gatting 3-0-6-0.

ENGLAND
FIRST INNINGS

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
B C BROAD not out	14	-	-	27	24
R T ROBINSON not out	2	-	-	27	20
Extras: nb 2	2				
Total: (0 wkts, 7 overs)	18				

C W J Athey, D I Gower, *M W Gatting, I T Botham, J E Emburey, †B N French, N A Foster, P H Edmonds and G R Dilley to bat.

BOWLING: Imran Khan 4-1-14-0; Wasim Akram 2-1-2-0; Abdul Qadir 1-0-2-0.

Umpires: **B J Meyer and A G T Whitehead.**

Somerset tail frustrates leaders

By Marcus Williams

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (4pts) drew with Somerset (5).

Northamptonshire, the Britannic Assurance championship leaders, were frustrated in pursuit of victory yesterday. In a dramatic finish Somerset, who had been set 174 to win from what turned out to be 49 overs, finished at 170 for eight.

After an innings of fits and starts, Somerset eventually required nine off the final over from Davis with three wickets in hand. Marks, their main hope at this stage, drove the first ball to long-on, where Capel held a good, low catch and though Palmer and Mallender had the bonus of a no-ball, they could manage only five singles and the match was drawn, ironically amid bright sunshine which had been notably absent from the three days. Davis finished had match-figures of 10 for 115.

It was further rain in the morning, lopping 33 overs from the day, which forced Geoff Cook into leaving what looked a small target on paper. However, the pitch, never easy at any stage, had been affected by rain and when Walker whipped out Felton and Roebuck (his only scoring shot of the match a cut six off Davis) in the second over with balls which lifted unpleasantly, Northamptonshire's task appeared easy.

It was then that Crowe took proceedings by the scruff of the neck and shook Northamptonshire out of kiltre by throwing his bat at anything pitched up to him. He hit four fours and drove Nick Cook's first ball over long-off for six as 50 came up in the 10th over, but after tea Davis and Walker tightened their line and Davis claimed the crucial wicket of Crowe at 78, trapping him leg-before as he attempted to turn a full-length ball through the leg side. Davis moved one away to remove Pringle, but Hardy was solid.

With 20 overs left Somerset wanted 86 and though Capel frequently beat Harden, Hardy set about Nick Cook. A run-out — alert work by Ripley defeating a scampered leg-bye — brought Northamptonshire the breakthrough with Hardy's wicket. Fifty-nine were needed off the last 10, when Burns, under instructions from the dressing-room, set about the bowling before Davis blasted through his defence at 142.

Earlier Lamb and Capel led the way for Northamptonshire as 84 were added off 18 overs, and Cook went on staunchly to an undefeated 67, the only half-century of the match.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 132 (*N A Mallender 4 for 37*).

Second Innings

*G Cook not out	67
W Larkins c Mallender b Palmer	2
R J Bailey c Roebuck b Mallender	39
A J Lamb c Foster b Palmer	39
D J Capel b Marks	33
R G Williams not out	3
Extras (b 1, nb 8)	9
Total (4 wkts dec)	192

D J Wild, †D Ripley, N G B Cook, W W Davis and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-83, 3-135, 4-188.

BOWLING: Mallender 19-5-42-1; Foster 6-0-51-0, Palmer 22-4-84-2; Marks 6-1-14-1; Pringle 2-2-0-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings 151 (W W Davis 6 for 58).

Second Innings

N A Felton c Bailey b Walker	1
*P M Roebuck c Williams b Walker	6
J J E Hardy run out	43
M D Crowe lbw b Davis	44
N J Pringle c Ripley b Davis	6
R J Harden c Capel b Walker	17
†N D Burns b Davis	21
V J Marks c Capel b Davis	17
G V Palmer not out	6
N A Mallender not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 1)	7
Total (8 wkts)	170

D J Foster did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-8, 3-68, 4-78, 5-133, 6-142, 7-144, 8-165.

BOWLING: Davis 17-1-57-4; Walker 17-1-70-3; N G B Cook 7-1-27-0; Capel 8-3-10-0.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and D R Shepherd.

Early lead for Davies in second round

Edison, New Jersey — Laura Davies, of Britain, scored a second round of 70, two under par, to establish the early clubhouse lead in the US Women's Open championship at Plainfield Country Club here yesterday with a total of 142 (Patricia Davies writes).

Miss Davies had five birdies and needed only 25 putts in all, including eight single putts in succession from the third hole. The two blemishes on her card were a five at the short 12th hole, where she took two to escape from a bunker after an errant eight-iron tee shot, and a five at the last, a 350-yard par four. She missed the green with her second shot and just failed to sink a 10-foot putt to save her par and equal the course record.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Fijians in SA tour

Three Fijian Rugby Union players, Gutuguluwai, Taruva and Tuqiri, are to tour South Africa with a South Pacific Barbarians team that also includes Australian, New Zealand and Tongan players.

The Australian captain, David Codey, is to lead the side and Bob Templeton will be the coach. Both had denied speculation about the tour earlier this week. The Fijian Rugby Union secretary, Setareki Tuinaceva, said that any Fijian playing either locally or overseas would face disciplinary action if they joined a tour of South Africa.

Bracknell buy

Bracknell Pirates basketball club have signed two top American college players, the centre, Trevor Gordon, and the guard, Greg Munroe.

Clapham: leading rider

Back at Locko

Diana Clapham, the Olympic silver medal winner, is one of Britain's leading international riders who will compete in the revived Locko Park horse trials on August 7 and 8. The meeting hosts the British intermediate and novice championships, which first went to Locko Park in 1977 and were held there annually until last year.

Forest cheer

Nottingham Forest have announced the biggest sponsorship deal in their history with the local brewery firm, Shipstones, who have agreed to back the first division club with £360,000 over three years.

Green booze

Prize-money of £50,000 and 147 gallons of whisky are at stake in this year's Lang's Supreme Masters snooker tournament at Glasgow's Hospitality Inn hotel, from September 17 to 20.

Prone to win

Malcolm Cooper, the Olympic champion for small-bore three-positions shooting, earned a qualifying place for the prone event at next year's Games in Seoul in the Helsinki open championships yesterday. He had already qualified to defend his three-positions title.

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Hapless Britain singled out for Cup demise

From David Powell, Zagreb

Britain's chances of staying in the world group of the Davis Cup went from slender to almost non-existent yesterday when they lost the opening two rubbers of their relegation play-off against Yugoslavia here. Jeremy Bates was beaten 6-1, 6-0, 1-6, 6-3 by Bruno Oresar and Stephen Shaw was defeated 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 by Slobodan Zivojinovic.

The main hope for British success in the four singles over the three days of competition rested with Bates in the rubber against Oresar. That said, Oresar is some 70 places above Bates in the world rankings, and his form yesterday suggested that, on clay at least, he will trouble players of far greater standing than Bates in the years to come.

Oresar, aged 20, has been a professional for two and a half years, yet somehow managed to qualify for the World Student games tournament which was held here at the Salata stadium last week. Since the Yugoslav student football team was made up exclusively of first division players and could finish only ninth, Oresar's victory could not be assumed.

However, he did not let himself down in his home city, winning his second successive tournament on clay and gaining valuable practice for his Davis Cup task on the same court.

In contrast, Bates and Shaw spent five weeks on grass in England, took a week off and had only two weeks to adjust to clay. Paul Hutchins, the national team manager, thought his team were at no disadvantage.

"We are not complaining about that at all — they are more at home on clay than we will ever be," he said. "The problem that was that we didn't raise our game at crucial psychological stages. The tie is nowhere near over because I felt that Stephen and Jeremy will have learnt a lot."

Bates was two sets down before he remembered that clay, in comparison to grass, requires greater patience from the back of the court. He lost 10 games in succession but won the next eight until a disputed line call in the sixth game of the fourth set had a telling effect on the outcome.

A forehand down the line by Oresar was called out and, when the Yugoslav protested, the umpire confirmed the call. Further protests by Oresar and his team manager were made and the call was changed. Hutchins and Bates counter-protested and the referee ruled that the point should be replayed.

"That one call altered everything," Bates said. "After that I hit a couple of serves and came in and he clean passed me. He hadn't done that for a set and a half."

Oresar won the replayed point, and Bates's service, and did so again two games later. Needing to hold serve to win, he did so in a game which mirrored the imbalance of the match.

Leading 40-0, Bates hit a backhand return wide and put out a lob, in between which Oresar struck a forehand winner as the score reached deuce. Bates had another break point, but overhit a return, leaving Oresar to take the next two points and throw himself headlong onto the clay in celebration of victory.

Shaw's match against Zivojinovic went as expected. Although Zivojinovic's best performances have been on grass — he has reached the quarter-final and semi-final at Wimbledon and the semi-finals of the Australian championships — he is no pushover on clay.

There are no grass courts in Yugoslavia and Zivojinovic was brought up on clay. He showed against Shaw that he has a few deft touches worked into that 6ft 4in ox-like frame of his.

In order to save the tie Britain must win today's doubles — Castle and Bates against Zivojinovic and Branko Horvat — and tomorrow's reverse singles.

RESULTS: Yugoslavia lead Britain 2-0: B Oresar bt M J Bates, 6-1, 6-0, 1-6, 6-3; S Zivojinovic bt S Shaw, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Carlsson too hot for France

From Richard Evans
Frejus, France

After three hours and 12 minutes of near-manic endeavour under a pitiless sun, Kent Carlsson gave Sweden a 1-0 lead over France in the Davis Cup quarter-final here by beating Thierry Tulasne 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

There was a period towards the end of the second set when it seemed that the temperature, as much as Tulasne, might prove too much for Carlsson. Last Sunday, he lost to Mats Wilander, his compatriot, in 118° F heat in Indianapolis. Yesterday, in the little bull-ring that began life as a Roman amphitheatre 19 centuries ago, the heat approached 100° F.

These are not ideal conditions for a big, blond man whose jerky, all-action style resembles a toy soldier that has been wound up too fast. Carlsson is not even capable of walking to his chair at a reasonable pace. The Green Jackets would love him. He does everything at double-quick march.

Tulasne worked desperately hard to break his stride. He even deserted the baseline — his natural habitat — to attack Carlsson from the net. These were direct tactics because Tulasne needed to prevent the Swede from dictating the course of the rallies on the slow clay with his great, looping top-spin.

Had Tulasne been able to force a second break-back at 1-2 in the third set, when he held break point, Carlsson might have felt the heat even more. But as soon as he forged ahead, the crowd were again given a very clear idea of why this extraordinary performer is ranked No. 8 in the world.

RESULT: Sweden lead France 1-0: K Carlsson bt T Tulasne, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Becker loves challenge

Hartford (Reuter) — Boris Becker, who is here for West Germany's Davis Cup relegation play-off against the United States this weekend, claimed he was a much better player as world No. 4 now than he was as No. 2 last year.

The West German teenager, who is making his return to tennis after a four-week lay-off following his Wimbledon defeat by Peter Doohan, of Australia, said: "The pressure on the Wimbledon champion, whom everyone wants to beat, has been taken off me. I'm now under another kind of pressure, one I need in order to play well.

"The Davis Cup helps ... I'm not just playing for myself, but for the team, for the whole nation. Although I was No. 2 in the world last year, I wasn't playing good tennis. Today I'm No. 4 but I'm a better player.

"I'm more mobile than before, faster, and have learned to play on clay. I can also afford to lose sometimes when I simply want to try something out. My biggest aim is still to be No. 1, but that will take some time."

Becker described the loss of his Wimbledon title as "very painful, especially so when I watched the final on television. I didn't touch a racket for two weeks, just relaxed. But for the past 10 days I've been training again and now everything is going well".

Many people in tennis thought Becker's defeat was partly the result of his split with his mentor, Gunther Bosch, but he quashed suggestions he should engage another full-time coach.

"This question is really getting on my nerves. When will tennis fans finally realize I have a trainer? Ion Tiriac is my trainer.

Cash in 'perfect' form

Pat Cash, the Wimbledon champion, overwhelmed Leonardo Lavalle, of Mexico, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0 to give Australia a 2-0 lead in their Davis Cup quarter-final in Brisbane yesterday.

Paul Ramirez, the captain of the Mexican team, described Cash's play as "nearly perfect". It was the Australian's tenth successive win in Davis Cup singles matches since 1985.

Little-known Song Dong-wook upset Paolo Cane, of Italy, 10-8, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, to give South Korea a surprise early lead in their tie in Seoul

BRISBANE: P Cash (Aus) bt L Lavalle (Mex), 6-2, 6-1, 6-0; W Masur (Aus) bt J Lozano (Mex), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
SEOUL: S Dong-wook (S Kor) bt P Cane (It), 10-8, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; C Panatta (It) bt Y Jin-sun (S Kor), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-9, 12-10.
NEW DELHI: R Krishnan (India) bt S Glickstein (Isr), 7-5, 6-1, 6-2; V Amritraj (India) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.
BANGKOK: K Evernden (NZ) bt P Pladchaumil 6-2, 8-6, 6-2; B Derlin bt V Thongkamchu 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.
TIANJIN: L Shuhua (China) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 4-6, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, 8-6; T Fukui (Japan) bt M Keqin (China), 4-6, 4-6, 4-6.
PRAGUE: K Novacek (Cz) bt M Jaite (Arg), 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.
SOFIA: C Mezzadri (Switz) bt K Lazarov (Bul), 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; J Hlasek (Switz) bt R Rainov (Bul), 7-5, 6-2, 6-3.
SANTIAGO: Postponed until today because of rain.
Vijay Amritraj brushed aside the years to help India to a 2-0 lead over Israel, almost certainly enough to see them to victory. Amritraj, who is 12 years older than Amos Mansdorf, aged 21, described his play in his straight-sets win yesterday as "good, solid stuff".

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